

Assistant Curator of Animals (Lichterman Nature Center)

The Museum of Science and History

Located in Memphis, TN, the Museum of Science and History is a well-established 501c3 that seeks to create a community of people who share a richer understanding of one another and the world around us. The Museum family consists of the Pink Palace Museum, Lichterman Nature Center, Coon Creek Science Center, and other historical properties. We inspire discovery through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the cultural histories and natural sciences that shape our region.

Join our team as we embark on an exciting phase of executing our new vision. Our museum is committed to telling our story by:

- Advocating for Authenticity – Illuminate varying perspectives and uphold accurate interpretation, without glossing over tough ideas.
- Magnifying Belonging – Building active audiences through outreach, co-creation, and participatory inclusion.
- Embodying Holistic Stories – Incorporating context and presenting lesser known stories to portray a complete, systemic picture of the region and its history.
- Constructing Intersections – Creating welcoming common spaces that encourage serendipitous and unstructured engagement and foster meaningful interactions between diverse groups of people.

Responsibilities

Works under the direction of the Curator of Animals/Backyard Wildlife Center and Director of Satellite Properties to research and care for live and preserved specimens exhibited, inventoried, monitored or otherwise maintained by the Nature Center. Implements, coordinates, and delivers animal-related program training for staff and volunteers. Requires in depth knowledge of best care practices and regulatory requirements of captive animals such as (but not limited to) mammals, raptors, fish, amphibians, and reptiles. Interacts and communicates with visitors, volunteers, and staff in line with MoSH core values. Supervises volunteers as directed by the Curator. Communicates verbally and in writing with public, management and staff on a variety of issues and concerns.

Qualities

- Ability to implement museum's strategic plan.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work weekends

- Attention to detail.

Range of Experience

Knowledge of native wildlife of the Mid-South. 2 or more years' experience in animal care and/or native wildlife interpretation. Knowledge of basic computer software required. Must be able to communicate verbally and in writing with public and staff. Requires the ability to operate office equipment including personal computer and telephone. Requires the ability to roll, lift and carry materials weighing up to 50 pounds. Requires walking, standing, stooping, bending and climbing stairs.

Compensation: \$13.64 per hour

Hours: Up to 28 hours per week. Weekends and occasional evening work required

To Apply: Submit cover letter and your resume via email to:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with a projected start date of July 1.

MoSH values diversity throughout our museum. In order to tell authentic, holistic stories of our region's history, culture and science, MoSH strives to create a diverse workforce to support our collections, exhibits and programming. MoSH is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Please note: ONLY Shelby County, TN residents can be considered for this position – no exceptions. The City of Memphis Charter requires that City Employees must reside within Shelby County. Proof of residence will be required at the time of hire.

More information about MoSH can be found on our website at www.moshmemphis.com