CHIMP HAVEN
ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST– 1 Position Open

Open: 1/22/2017                     Closed: When position filled

Job Classification
Shift: Full time Entry-Level Position. Normal work day requires rotating shift.
FLSA: Non-exempt
Risk Level: 3

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW: Chimp Haven serves as the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary and is located on 200 forested acres in northwest Louisiana just outside of Shreveport. Chimp Haven provides excellent care for over 200 chimpanzees retired from research or no longer used in the entertainment industry or as pets. As more retired chimpanzees make their way from research institutions to sanctuary, our population continues to grow. Chimp Haven has a well-designed facility to support the physical and emotional well-being of all animals, experienced staff and high standards for operational excellence. The organization is accredited by AALAC and the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, USDA inspected and a member of the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job Summary
Provide excellent care for the chimpanzees and their housing areas and improve wellbeing by close observation of chimpanzee behavior and careful cleaning procedures. This position reports directly to the Chimpanzee Care Supervisor.

Duties and Responsibilities
Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

• Wash produce, prepare diets, and provide diets to the chimpanzees.
• Clean and sanitize chimpanzee enrichment, housing and support areas.
• Transport food, bedding or supplies from storage areas to animal areas and remove and replace bedding.
• Observe chimpanzee behavior and appearance and report unusual behavior or injuries.
• Perform incremental animal checks (every 4-6 hours).
• Maintain records of health, behavior, cleaning, etc.
• Provide enrichment to chimpanzees as directed.
• Participate in chimpanzee positive reinforcement training.
• Participate in educational programs as directed.
• May assist other departments (veterinary, behavior, education) as directed.
• May maintain inventory of feed, bedding and cleaning supplies.
• May administer medications and treatment as directed.
• May assist in planning and implementing special projects.
• May participate in the staff training program and assist in training new staff members or interns as directed.
• May serve as a team leader; and/or may supervise others, including volunteers and interns.
**Education and Experience Required**
A demonstration of effective leadership required.

**Entry Level**: Associates’ Degree in a relevant field is required. Bachelor’s degree preferred. At least 4 years (paid experience) working with chimpanzees. A combination of education and/or experience may be considered.

**Mid-Level**: Associates’ Degree in a relevant field is required. Bachelor’s degree preferred. At least 6 years working (paid experience) with chimpanzees. A combination of 10 years relevant education and experience may be substituted for the education requirement.

**Max Level**: Bachelor’s degree in a related field required. At least 8 years working (paid experience) with chimpanzees. A combination of education and/or experience may be considered.

*Send cover letter, salary requirement and resume to: careers@chimphaven.org or fax resume to Human Resources Department @ 318-925-5600.*