ANIMAL CAREGIVER – 2 Positions Open

Open: 1/19/2017                  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**
The primary function of this position is to provide daily cleaning; provide fresh bedding; and prepare and distribute chimpanzee diets. This position reports directly to the Chimpanzee Care Supervisor.

**Duties and Responsibilities**
Working with a team, the chimpanzee caregiver will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing chimpanzee housing and support areas (kitchen, equipment, produce cooler, break room, storage areas, feed/bedding storage, and related areas); preparing and providing chimpanzee diets; reporting unusual behavior or injuries; and maintaining pertinent records. There may be opportunities for individual projects based on level of education, time worked and experience as well as other opportunities for growth and development. This individual will be expected to work closely with other departments, including behavioral and veterinary staff, to ensure the overall health and welfare of the chimps.

**Education & Experience**
Entry level position requires a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to work in a team environment, read and follow written and verbal instructions, and write legibly and accurately. No prior animal experience required, but must have aptitude for the care and wellbeing of animals. Must have a valid driver’s license and meet motor vehicle operating standards.

Bachelor’s Degree in science field and experience with animals, including nonhuman primates, preferred.

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