



## *Animal Docent*

**Description:** Animal Docents work with our General Curator to support our animal keeper staff by interpreting wildlife information to guests.

**Responsibilities:** Animal Docents provide accurate information to Zoo guests about specific animals housed at the Zoo. Docents will need to have a working knowledge of the animals as they will be responsible for answering guest questions about the animals. In times of limited visibility, Docents will be responsible for presenting animal artifacts appropriate to individual animals.

**Training:** Completion of the one-day volunteer orientation program, completion of two half day interpretation courses and an animal programs exam that must be passed with an 80% or higher. Additional on-the-job training by department.

**Reporting:** The Volunteer Coordinator will be your primary contact, with support from the General Curator.

**Time Commitment:** At least 4 hours per week.

**Qualifications:** Must be 16 years of age or older, exhibit strong attention to detail, enjoy working with the public and have a positive attitude. Individuals with previous teaching experience a plus. Volunteer must be able to follow all supervisory and safety policies. Candidate should be friendly, outgoing and self-motivated. This position may require moderate lifting, bending, squatting and standing for extended periods of time. This position will work mainly outdoors. If in school, must show proof of a 2.5 GPA or higher.

**Benefits:** In addition to the general volunteer benefits from the Naples Zoo, this position allows you to create your own set schedule, enhance your animal knowledge and interact with guests of all ages. This position provides an excellent opportunity to gain public speaking experience.