

Desertarium Handler Requirements

Job description

Desertarium handler/interpreters will work in the Desertarium area both with the public and behind the scenes. These volunteers will complete the required training needed to handle reptiles and invertebrates and to interpret these animals to the Museum visitor through general topic and themed presentations. Handlers will be required to work in Desertarium, at times, helping Wildlife Staff clean (sweeping/mopping floors, cleaning cages, etc.)

Number of adult/teen volunteers needed

7 handler maximum including education staff

Time commitment

- Must commit to one day a week for 4 hours (the day and times will be the same every week).
- Cannot miss more than 6 scheduled times.
- Will be required to work 4 special events (times and locations will vary) and 4
- Parties (birthday, etc.)

Required training

Desertarium handlers must complete Desertarium Handler Training and Interpretive Training. Desertarium handler will be required to know basic information about all the animals in the Desertarium and construct an information packet/booklet about all of them which will be used as a resource. The packet will be reviewed by Desertarium staff prior to being accepted as a resource.

Minimum age 16 years old

Desertarium Interpreter Requirements

Job description

Desertarium interpreters will work in the Desertarium area both with the public and behind the scenes. These volunteers will complete the required training needed to interpret reptiles and invertebrates to the Museum visitor. Interpreters will be required to work in Desertarium at specified times, providing general topic and themed interpretation presentations, as well as roaming interpretation.

Number of adult/teen volunteers Interpreters needed

Unlimited

Time commitment

- Must commit to 8 hours a week during the summer months (the day and times will be the same every week) and 8 hours a month during the school year.
- Cannot miss more than 6 scheduled times.
- Will be required to work 2 special events (times and locations will vary)

Required training

Desertarium Interpreters must complete Desertarium Interpretation Training and General Interpretive Training. Desertarium interpreter will be required to know basic information about all the animals in the Desertarium and construct an information packet/booklet about all of them which will be used as a resource. The packet will be reviewed by Desertarium staff prior to being accepted as a resource.

Minimum age 15 years old