

Great Ape Caregiver

The Center for Great Apes has an opening for a paid position as a Great Ape Caregiver. The focus of this position is to provide optimal care for the health and welfare of the sanctuary orangutans and chimpanzees.

Working with the apes at the sanctuary is not just a job. Our caregivers have a commitment to our apes and love what the sanctuary stands for.

The Center for Great Apes seeks a qualified individual who is committed to our primate residents and who share the values of the Center in providing permanent care with dignity for the apes. We look for candidates who are enthusiastic, cheerful, have positive attitudes, and are supportive of other staff members.

Applicants must be able to do hard work in different situations (and hot weather) and be willing to strictly follow our safety policies and protocols.

Required Qualifications

- 2 years' experience in animal husbandry or equivalent primate husbandry internships.
- At least two years college in related subject.
- Have a philosophy of animal care and animal respect that blends with the Center's mission.
- Be able to lift 50 pounds (chow bags, hay bales, fire hose hammocks, etc.)
- Be able to climb 20 ft. ladders to clean
- Be able to work in inclement weather
- Be available to work any day of the week including weekends and holidays
- Realize that all staff are part of a team whose goal is to provide the best possible care for the resident apes by supporting each staff member of the team in helping with chores and sharing duties
- Demonstrate performance success during initial 90-day introductory period in new position

Preferred Qualifications

- 2+ years of great ape husbandry experience.
- Associate or Bachelor college degree in animal related sciences.

Send all resumes with an application to rhonda@centerforgreatapes.org. The application is available on our website, www.centerforgreatapes.org.