

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Volunteer Job Description: Bird Sanctuary Bird Care

Location:
Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
12685 East C Avenue
Augusta, MI 49012

Agency:
MSU Kellogg Biological Station
3700 East Gull Lake Drive
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Contact Person: Volunteer Program Coordinator

Telephone: (269) 671-2263

Supervision: Sanctuary Staff (direct)
Volunteer Program Coordinator (indirect)

Purpose of Position: To aid the avian care staff in daily husbandry of the captive bird flock at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary.

Task Description/Specific Duties:

- Learn to take care of captive waterfowl, raptors and gamebirds
- Help with feeding and maintaining a safe, clean environment for the birds
- Answer visitor questions while on the grounds
- Assist with bird physical exams and checkups
- Light maintenance of enclosures and ponds
- Maintain a clean and organized work environment
- Miscellaneous duties as requested

Commitment: Ongoing—Minimum commitment one shift per week for a minimum of 6 months. Volunteer shifts are 4 hours between 9am and 5pm weekdays and weekends.

Qualifications: Applicants must be 18 years old, be able to lift 50 pounds, have reliable transportation, and enjoy working outdoors in all weather conditions. Agree to commit to one shift a week for a minimum of 6 months. Shifts are 4 hours during 9am-5pm. Previous knowledge of subject matter is not required.

Training: Training is provided and all new Bird Care Volunteers will shadow the animal care staff or an experienced volunteer until they are comfortable working on their own.

Benefits: Volunteers receive free entry and 10% off merchandise at the bird sanctuary when they present their volunteer ID, and an invitation to the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Comments: Volunteers will be working in a friendly environment with helpful and appreciative staff members



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