



VOLUNTEER: ZOO DIVER

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The volunteer dive program at Utah's Hogle Zoo offers volunteers a chance to dive as a pool maintenance diver for the Rocky Shores Exhibits.

REPORTS TO:

Dive Safety Officer

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Zoo Diver activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Zoo Divers help maintain the Pinniped and Polar Bear exhibits. Divers work as a team to perform cleaning and maintenance duties in the underwater areas of this exhibit.
- Cleaning of Polar Bear and Pinniped exhibit
- Remain current on dive safety protocol
- You will not be interacting with Rocky Shores Animals

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Diving recruits must hold open water certification.
- Divers will dive with drysuits provided by Utah's Hogle Zoo only after they have completed a drysuit orientation class from a nationally recognized organization (PADI, NAUI, or equivalent) at their own expense.
- Divers must be cleared medically fit by way of RSTC questionnaire. Any 'yes' answers will require clearance to dive by a physician at their own cost.
- Divers must possess current First Aid, CPR and Oxygen Provider certification, or obtain it at the next certification class held here at Utah's Hogle Zoo.
- Diver must perform a Diving Skills Demonstration to a satisfactory skill level.
- Diver must be willing to sign a waiver to release the Zoo of any liability in the event of personal neglect or misconduct.

REQUIREMENTS

Equipment Needs: Zoo Divers provide their own thermal protection liner. The Zoo will provide fins, gloves, weights, boots, hoods, drysuit and a full face-mask.

Scheduling: The Zoo Diver program requires a commitment of a minimum of two four-hour dives per month. The schedule is determined by your availability and the Zoo's needs. We are committed to providing a quality volunteer diving experience.

Commitment: Volunteers in the dive program are required to commit a minimum of one full year (about 100 hours) to the Zoo. We realize that this is a significant commitment, and we want you to consider it carefully.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Divers must be available to dive Wednesdays and must be able to dive a minimum of two four-hour dives per month. Divers must attend a 4 hour observation training session. This is required of all prospective dive volunteers. This training session provides you an opportunity to decide if becoming a volunteer diver is for you. It's an overview of the dive program, the prerequisites and required commitment, and an overview of the role of the surface tender and diver. It's an opportunity to observe a dive from start to finish. After the observation, you will be asked to stay for an introductory training session on the history, structure and mission of the Zoo with the Volunteer Manager. Upon successful completion, divers are assigned to a schedule that suits both the diver and the Zoo.

- All new divers have to start on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Once signed off, they will be able to sign up for Thursday dive slots.
- Polar Bear dives occur on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Pinniped dives occur on Thursdays from either 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

COMPENSATION

All volunteers at Utah's Hogle Zoo are considered non-paid employees. Benefits include discounts on food and gifts and volunteer recognition events and parties.

THE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT WILL:

volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org

- Maintain records for active volunteers.
- Ensure adequate training and supervision is provided.
- Issue volunteers a uniform and name tag.
- Provide ongoing support and assistance with volunteer/staff relationships.
- Administer volunteer benefits.
- Provide a written reference which will include hours of service, tenure, and job description when requested.

TO APPLY

Please submit a [Zoo Diver Application](#).

Utah's Hogle Zoo is committed to creating a volunteer program that represents our community and includes individuals from various backgrounds, age groups, perspectives, experiences, abilities, and strengths.

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