



Animal Care Volunteer- Raptor Care

The Kalamazoo Nature Center (KNC) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to inspire people to care for the environment by providing experiences that lead them to understand their connection to the natural world.

Because we value the strength diversity brings to the workplace, the Kalamazoo Nature Center is committed to the recruitment, retention, and development of a workforce that reflects the society in which we live. We encourage applications from candidates representing diverse backgrounds.

Position:

Animal Care is looking for volunteers to assist in raptor handling and care. Volunteers will be trained to handle a variety of birds of prey and will assist with regular training and care. Volunteers are expected to train on a weekly basis on a regularly scheduled shift. Interested applicants should apply by sending a resume to mheft@naturecenter.org.

Volunteer Duties:

- Consistently clean and maintain display enclosures.
- Prepare feed for daily training sessions (must be comfortable handling and preparing food).
- Dedicate time to train and socialize birds (must be able to commit to 3-5 hours/ week).
- Uphold sanitation practices to ensure the health and safety of both staff and animals.
- Follow close instructions regarding care and safety.
- Attend training sessions throughout summer.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Preference will be given to those who have experience working with animals.
- Must be able to lift at least 30 lbs.
- Must be responsible for following all COVID-19 safety procedures and policies.
- Must dedicate time to understanding the training process; trainers must be willing to study raptor behavior.
- Must follow all safety procedures when handling animals.

Questions? Contact Megan Heft, Animal Care Director at mheft@naturecenter.org

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