



Animal Nutrition Keeper

Our Mission: Houston Zoo connects communities with animals, inspiring action to save wildlife.

Our Vision: Houston Zoo will be a leader in the global movement to save wildlife.

The Animal Nutrition Keeper I position performs a variety of duties pertaining to preparation and delivery of food and supplies between the hours of 5am and 2pm and must be able to work weekends. We encourage candidates with food service and/or animal nutrition backgrounds to apply.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Prepares daily diets for Zoo's animal collection, follows written and oral instructions concerning type and quantity of foods to be prepared and size of portions, obtaining necessary ingredients from the warehouse/barn/coolers/freezers, and washing, cleaning, peeling, dicing and/or slicing as required
- Accurately measures and weighs portions and packages foods in accordance with instructions.
- Cuts, chops and grinds foods based upon detailed instructions.
- Maintains cleanliness and sanitation of work area, all surfaces and equipment.
- Packs and delivers diets and supplies throughout Zoo as per instructions.
- Will assist in receiving deliveries and checking against packing slips.
- Assist in receiving using forklift when needed
- Occasionally interact with and educate the public about animal nutrition and department operations through tours, keeper chats and other special events.

EXPERIENCE:

- One year of food preparation experience in a commercial food facility OR 1 year of animal care experience in a zoological facility is desired.
- Commercial-sized food processor experience desired.
- Forklift experience preferred

KNOWLEDGE:

High School Graduation or GED required

PHYSICAL EFFORT:

This position involves considerable physical exertion, including daily lifting of heavy items, such as food tubs, bales of hay and boxes of produce up to 80 pounds. Will require long periods of walking and standing on rough surfaces on a routine basis.

ABOUT HOUSTON ZOO

The Houston Zoo is made up of many moving parts with over 6,000 permanent residents (our animals) for whom we provide housing, meals, medical care and, yes, even education! There are over 2 million guests each year who come to experience our incredible variety of animals and ecosystems, as well as attend special private and public events and entertainment. Our dedicated staff works around the clock to ensure that the Zoo is always running smoothly for the safety and well-being of our residents and guests. We strive to ensure the protection of all the counterparts of the animals we have at the Zoo and in the wild.

Join the Houston Zoo and become a part of an organization that is focused on the preservation of wildlife and their habitats by combining conservation with education and promotion of sustainable livelihoods in the local communities. Houston Zoo is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Applicants can visit www.houstonzoo.org/careers

E-mail resume and completed application to careers@houstonzoo.org