



## Position: **Volunteer**

### **Overview:**

Reptilia's volunteer program began in 1997 for to allow those who have an interest in reptiles to work with and learn more about them while working with our Cast. The program has provided Reptilia with the opportunity to hire talented volunteers to become future Cast Members. Volunteers come from all walks of life and age restrictions are minimal – most successful candidates are over the age of 14. The one thing all volunteers have in common is their interest in reptiles.

Volunteers are friendly, considerate, mature (for their age) and outgoing persons who are adept at taking direction from our Cast and as well, they provide our Guests with a 'Magic Moment' when they have the chance.

### **Role Objective:**

Volunteers are active with the reptiles (once they reach that level) and our Guests. They help our Cast in the tasks they are assigned in all areas of the facility. We ask our volunteers to treat our Cast and Guests with equal respect and take pride in all they do.

### **Ideal Experience:**

- Has a strong interest in reptiles and may have kept some
- Has volunteered elsewhere and understands the Role of a volunteer
- Has experience dealing with the public including kids and their parents
- May have done some public speaking or had drama and theatre training
- Has had previous experience with animals – perhaps a pet at home

### **Critical Competencies for Success:**

- Has a strong interest in reptiles
- Is mature, intelligent and capable – age considered – resourceful and calm – takes direction easily

- Is able to devote 4 or more volunteer hours to Reptilia each week for a minimum of six months
- Shows initiative – a self starter who requires minimal supervision once the components of the Role are learned
- Takes pride in fulfilling the Role competently
- Outgoing personality - lively, animated, enjoys fun, able to relate to our Guests
- Speaks clearly, makes direct eye contact , smiles frequently and is naturally humorous
- Has dealt with and likes kids – age considered
- Punctual and reliable and always looks clean cut and eager to get started
- Has a clear record with the police and can pass a police check if an adult
- Follows the safety guidelines and all company guidelines respecting our reptiles
- Personal Attributes:◦Sociable, confident and easily approachable
- Goes out of their way to engage our Guests when appropriate
- Energetic style and contagious spirit.  
Takes a great deal of pride from accomplishment

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