Position: Animal Nutrition Technician
Status: Part-time

Basic Function: Located along the Space Coast in Melbourne, Florida, the Brevard Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility with a diverse collection of over 900 animals representing nearly 200 species. It is also home to the Sea Turtle Healing Center (STHC) for rehabilitation of wild marine turtles. Brevard Zoo is well-known for its strong conservation ethic and unique attractions, such as kayaking through the Africa area, giraffe feeding and various animal encounters. Reporting to the Veterinary Resource Manager, the Animal Nutrition Technician is responsible for the preparation of diets and production of enrichment items for the Zoo's animal collection. This person must be able to work as an integral part of the Zoo team and communicate effectively with coworkers, supervisors and guests.

Responsibilities:

- Prepares diets according to dietary instructions for consumption by Zoo animals.
- Orders produce and confirms accuracy of deliveries.
- Loads and unloads foodstuffs and supplies, rotates stock and maintains inventory control records.
- Responsible for maintaining Animal Care Center, including such duties as sweeping, mopping, dusting, vacuuming, disinfecting equipment and preparation areas, emptying garbage, exterminating insects, etc.
- Maintains invertebrate cultures (e.g. mealworms, super worms, crickets, etc.).
- Operates and utilizes various equipment and tools such as a computer, copier/printer/scanner, various kitchen appliances, carts, vehicles (e.g. truck or van), manual pallet jack, fork truck, etc.
- Helps with various projects such as maintaining compost, preparing animal enrichment items, etc.
- Supervises volunteers assisting in the commissary.
- Maintains Zoo security via after-hours independent patrols and communication with night security personnel.
- Promotes animal wellbeing and nutrition through public interactions via live camera feed.
- Under special circumstances, may be asked to help with animal procedures or care.
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with USDA, OSHA, Florida Department of Health and Brevard Zoo policies.
Qualifications:
- Experience with commercial food preparation or completion of a food service training program preferred
- Commissary/kitchen experience at an AZA-accredited facility desirable
- Knowledge of mathematics sufficient for common kitchen calculations
- Proficiency in written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Ability to work holidays and weekends, and to perform tasks in weather typical of Florida

Required Experience:
One year of culinary food preparation or equivalent

Benefits:
Brevard Zoo offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes paid sick/vacation time, local tourist attraction discounts and Zoo membership. Also includes health, dental and vision insurance as well as a retirement plan.

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