

Aquarium Aide

Volunteer assistance with routine animal husbandry tasks.

Available times to choose from: Sunday- Friday 9:30-11:00

A regular schedule is preferred but flexibility is possible.

Trained by Aquarium Curator (Ali)

Supervised by Exhibit Lead (assigned daily to trained staff and interns)

Tasks

Assist the exhibit staff with animal husbandry and prepare the exhibit for opening if applicable. Specific tasks will depend on the day of the week, the season, and what needs doing. It may include:

- Cleaning tanks
 - Cleaning algae off acrylic tank walls
 - Siphoning debris from tanks
 - Removing empty shells, etc.
- Cleaning tools and the exhibit space (Sweeping, cleaning buckets, wiping counters, etc)
- Preparing feeds or processing frozen foods.
- Assist with feeding animals
- Other aquarium projects as needed

Requirements

Must be comfortable with the following

- Working with raw seafood (clams, shrimp, fish, etc)
- Standing, bending, reaching
- Working from ladders and step stools
- Lift 35 lbs occasionally. (example, carry a bucket of water)
- Be prepared to be cold, wet, and dirty
- Once trained, be able to complete tasks as directed without someone by your side.

If you are interested or have questions, please email Ali, aredman@ptmsc.org.

Brief Description

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Interested in working behind the scenes in our aquarium? We are looking for volunteers to assist the exhibit staff with animal husbandry in the mornings. On days that we are open to the public, they would also assist with preparing the exhibit for opening. Volunteers are expected to comply with Covid-19 protocols and other safety guidelines.

Cleaning tanks will be the primary focus but it also may include preparing feeds and feeding animals. To view the full description [click here](#).