

Reptile Caretaker – Butterfly Tampa Nature Center

Location: Butterfly Tampa Nature Center

Positions Available: Full-Time and Part-Time

Do you love reptiles and amphibians? Butterfly Tampa is seeking dedicated, knowledgeable, experienced, and responsible individuals to join our team as Reptile Caretaker. Our nature center is home to a variety of animals including non-venomous snakes, frogs, tortoises, turtles, and lizards, as well as numerous invertebrates in our Bug Zoo.

This hands-on position is perfect for someone passionate about animal care, environmental education, and inspiring visitors to appreciate the natural world. This opportunity plays a key role in ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of our animal ambassadors while helping to educate and inspire our visitors about the importance of wildlife conservation.

Primary Responsibilities

- Perform daily husbandry for reptiles and amphibians to maintain optimal health and wellbeing
- Feed animals and maintain appropriate dietary schedules
- Clean and sanitize enclosures and habitats
- Conduct water bowl cleanings and water changes
- Monitor lighting, temperature, humidity and other environmental systems
- Provide supervised outdoor time for animals when appropriate
- Observe and report animal health and behavior daily
- Handle reptiles confidently and safely as needed
- Provide outdoor time for select animals based on schedule provided
- Participate in emergency preparedness for animal care and safety (i.e. hurricanes)
- Monitor and document the well-being of animals daily and report to the CEO by end of shift or as needed throughout the day
- Engage with visitors by discussing animals and answering questions — a vital part of our public education mission
- Assist and support at outreach and educational presentations when needed
- Assist with basic retail operations (plant and gift shop) and unloading or tagging plant deliveries as needed to support the team
- Maintain reptile areas, ensuring all supplies are organized and clean
- Care for and maintain live food colonies (e.g., crickets, mealworms)
- Assist with Bug Zoo care as needed
- Track reptile inventory and supplies and communicate with the business office for reordering supplies before they run out
- Maintain clean and organized reptile care areas and supplies
- Perform other duties as assigned

Email resume to Anita@ButterflyTampa.com for consideration. Interviews will be scheduled starting November 23rd. Visit our website at ButterflyTampa.com for more about us.