



Montgomery County Parks Department
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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Assistant Farm Animal Caretaker
LOCATION: Agricultural History Farm Park
TIME: Positions are available weekdays and weekends.

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The Agricultural History Farm Park (AHFP) provides a variety of historic, as well as present day farm education programs for the public. A variety of animals live on the Farm to support the interpretive programs and enhance the visitor experience. These may include goats, pigs, chickens, and ducks. Each of these animals has special needs and is cared for daily through the support of volunteers. This position reports directly to the Farm Animal Caretaker.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Weekly:

Change bedding of all animals
Ensure bio-security of stalls and animal housing areas
Maintain animal accountability records

Daily:

Feed and water animals
Clean troughs and water buckets
Rake barn, pasture, and stall areas

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Treat animals with appropriate care and respect.
2. Ability to work comfortably with many different types of farm animals.
3. Good communication skills, good command of the English language (other languages welcome)
4. Ability to work well with staff as well as a diverse clientele.
5. Desire to learn about the live animals and share this knowledge with the public.
6. Ability to work independently.
7. Follow directions with accuracy and attention to detail.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age: 16 years old.
2. Fingerprint Background Check required.
3. References required.
4. Ability to commit to a pre-arranged work schedule.
5. Demonstrate ability to work comfortably with live animals.
6. Staff shirt and nametag required while functioning at park events.
7. Report hours monthly to the Farm Animal Caretaker.

TRAINING:

On the job training in animal care, emergency procedures, customer relations, and other topics as required by the Park Manager and is provided by supervisor.

COMMENTS:

Volunteers provide a valuable resource for staff and the public while they learn about a variety of farm animals. This can be a rewarding opportunity to share history and farm culture with our visitors and enhance your interpretive skills. Approved for Student Service hours and Family Volunteering.

BENEFITS:

Volunteers at Montgomery County Parks receive many benefits, including program discounts, volunteer appreciation events, hands on educational opportunities & more. Please see our benefits flyer for a complete list.

