

## Volunteer Opportunities with Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary

(updated 2/12)

- 1) **Docent:** assist with group tours, supervise groups of students (no more than 10 at a time) during formal programs with large numbers of students on site; direct students to next station; guide students to restroom facility; ensure hand washing after interactions with animals; explain history details for each resident animal and bird; explain natural history and habitat for each species.
- 2) **Weekend Teen Supervisor:** oversee community service workers, direct projects, keep teens focused, supervise breaks, escort to restroom during breaks, monitor progress; ensure paperwork is completed at end of shift.
- 3) **Food Prep:** chopping grapes for baby birds, soaking chow, filling feeding syringes prior to each feeding, washing and disinfecting syringes, cleaning aquariums; may advance to feeding the birds, weighing, giving medications
- 4) **Animal Care:** learning how to actually take care of the resident education animals and birds; feed AM and PM, fresh water, clean out cage (daily, weekly, monthly); may advance to handling and grooming, working one-on-one with the animals, walking, exercising them.
- 5) **Misc duties in Animal Room:** folding laundry, disinfecting aquariums, putting items away, wiping down counter tops, folding brochures, washing eggs, separating newspapers, etc. (all non-strenuous activities)
- 6) **Program Assistant:** participate in off-site wildlife presentations and help Program Coordinator, transport education animals, set up program tables, distribute brochures, sign up new volunteers, answer questions.
- 7) **Grounds:** help beautify the grounds of the sanctuary. Mowing, weeding, mulching, watering plants, and plant debris removal, planting. Supervise volunteers assisting, (weekly and monthly)
- 8) **General Maintenance:** minor cage repairs, equipment repair, assist with cage building projects (weekly and monthly). Repair items around sanctuary as needed.
- 9) **Rehabilitation:** experience required to help care for patients admitted, wound care, bandaging, splinting, medications, pre-release conditioning, release.