

Orangutan & Chimpanzee Caregivers

The Center for Great Apes, a GFAS accredited sanctuary, has grown rapidly over the past two years and has positions open now to help provide care for the sanctuary's 27 orangutans and 43 chimpanzees.

The Center is seeking qualified individuals who are committed to quality care for primates in captivity and who share the values of the Center in providing permanent care with dignity for the sanctuary apes.

Applicants should have experience in the normal caregiving duties of daily cleaning, diet prep, feeding, providing creative enrichment, and monitoring health and behavior.

Required Qualifications:

- 2 years' experience in animal husbandry or equivalent primate husbandry internships;
- At least two years college in related subject;
- Have a philosophy of animal care and animal respect that blends with the Center's mission;
- Be able to lift 50 pounds and carry for a short distance;
- Be able to work outdoors in inclement weather including rain, heat and humidity for extended amounts of time;
- Be available to work any day of the week including weekends and holidays;
- Have a current negative TB test and proof of COVID19 vaccination;
- Realize that all staff are part of a team whose goal is to provide the best possible care for the resident apes by supporting each staff member of the team in helping with chores and sharing duties.

Preferred Qualifications:

- 2+ years of great ape husbandry experience;
- Experience in positive reinforcement training;
- Associate or Bachelor college degree in animal related sciences.

Please send all resumes with an application to resume@centerforgreatapes.org. The application is available on our website, www.centerforgreatapes.org.

The Center for Great Apes is located in south central Florida in a rural area amidst orange groves and pastureland. Distance from nearby towns: Wauchula and Avon Park are 10-15 minutes away, Sebring is 20 minutes, Lake Wales is 30 minutes, Lakeland is 45 minutes, and Orlando and Tampa are 90 minutes north.