

**Berkeley County Government**

**JOB OPENING – EXTERNAL POSTING**

**TEMPORARY ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANT (PS101173)**

**DEPARTMENT: CYPRESS GARDENS**

**JOB SUMMARY/ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** Perform fish, bird and reptile animal care duties including cleaning, food preparation, feeding, medicating, water analyses and general upkeep/maintenance of the Swamparium to include filter maintenance, scrubbing and sweeping. Interact with guests by answering questions. Also assists with the care of animals, including insects and other arthropods, in the butterfly house and those used for educational programs. May also serve as butterfly house attendant, maintaining plants and animals in the butterfly house, monitoring visitors and providing information. Assist in fish/animal collection via fish traps, netting, and/or seining. Will also assist horticulture staff with planting, weeding, watering and other routine horticultural tasks. These duties are performed near large areas of water that are inhabited by reptiles or other wildlife in controlled and/or natural environments. Perform other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school graduate or equivalent, or one (1) year general work experience highly desired.

Must be comfortable working with animals/reptiles.

Ability to read and write.

Departmental testing may be administered during interview.

A criminal background check will be completed on selected applicant if a current one is not on file.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to reach with hands and arms. The employee frequently is required to stand; walk; and use hands to handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and talk and hear. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to fifty (50) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

**SAFETY INFORMATION/DUTIES:**

Attends all required safety training, follows safety policies and procedures and uses appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for assigned tasks.

**HOURS OF WORK/MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

**This position is classified as non-exempt and reports to the Cypress Gardens Director.** Generally, this position will be an 8-30 hour per week position during the busier tourist season from March through June. Hours will be flexible due to the nature of work. **Weekend and holiday work will be required.** Scheduled hours/days, job location, duties and any other information contained herein is subject to change. May be required to work extra hours and to perform extra or different duties during emergency situations.

If you are interested in applying for a position with Berkeley County Government, you will need to set up a personal account and apply online, click on "Applicant Online" from our website [www.berkeleycountysc.gov](http://www.berkeleycountysc.gov) and follow the prompts. For questions, contact Human Resources at 843-719-4163 (Moncks Corner); 723-3800 ext. 4163 (Charleston); or 567-3136 ext. 4163 (Saint Stephen). Computers are available in the Berkeley County Administration Building and the Libraries to apply online.

**Temp Employee – Animal Care Assistant**

**Entry Level Hourly Rate of Pay Range: \$7.50 - \$10.00**

**Date of Posting: 08/14/2015**

**Closing Date: Subject to close at any time**

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**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOLLOWING THE CLOSING DATE.**