



Job Description

Job title: <i>Chelonian Keeper I</i>	Classification: FT, Non-Exempt (Cross, SC)
Reports to: Assistant Curator	Hourly: \$40K / Year (\$19.23/ HR)

The Chelonian Keeper position is to provide animal husbandry, horticulture, and general maintenance at the Turtle Survival Center (TSC) in Cross, South Carolina. Our team is growing and we are looking for entry-level to experienced level keepers to join our world-class chelonian conservation center.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Strong work ethic.
- Willingness to learn new skills.
- Post-secondary education in Biology or related field is an asset

Responsibilities:

- Feed and care for the turtles.
- Monitor animal health.
- Maintain accurate animal records.
- Maintain cleanliness of animal areas.
- Comply with effective quarantine protocols to reduce the risk of disease transmission within the collection.
- Assist with veterinary care procedures as needed.
- Assist with facility maintenance, construction, and renovation.
- Maintain landscape standards and practices.
- Adhere to best practices and security guidelines.
- Communicate effectively with co-workers to address problems that may arise in a timely manner.
- Represent the Turtle Survival Alliance at volunteer and outreach events as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Working Conditions:

This position has a large component of work in outdoor conditions. Candidates must be able to work in hot, humid climates in a fast-paced environment. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs unassisted.

This position is required to work weekends and holidays. In addition, the candidate must be able to have an adaptable work schedule due to occasional schedule changes.

Benefits:

In addition to the above-stated compensation, Turtle Survival Alliance offers an individual retirement account with a 3% employee match, medical, dental and vision insurance, as well as life insurance, paid time off, and sick leave.

About Us:

Turtle Survival Alliance protects and restores wild populations of tortoises and freshwater turtles through science-based conservation, global leadership, and local stewardship. Formed in 2001, Turtle Survival Alliance is a global conservation organization based in Charleston, South Carolina that works to create a planet where tortoises and freshwater turtles can thrive in the wild. With strategic, science-based initiatives directed by local leaders, our work creates lasting impact and capacity where it matters most and inspires long-term community-based stewardship to prevent extinction. Where populations cannot yet succeed in the wild, our breeding programs ensure their future survival. Because turtles are ancient, remarkable creatures—and to save them, we all play a role.

Turtle Survival Alliance does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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