



Job Title: Exhibit Diver (Part-time)

Department: Curation

Wage: \$10.75

Shift: 8am - 5pm (8 - 29 hours per week)

Reports to: Diving Safety Coordinator

General Summary of Qualities

The Greater Cleveland Aquarium is seeking team members who have a passion for SCUBA diving, animals and the environment. The Exhibit Diver is responsible for maintaining exhibits, observing animals and interpreting diving activities to Aquarium guests.

The Position

- Assume role of working diver under OSHA regulations outlined by OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart T
- Adhere to and implement policies and procedures in the Greater Cleveland Aquarium Diving Safe Practices Manual
- Perform multiple dives per day with bottom time up to 4 hours per dive in 48 – 84 °F water
- Diving activities include but are not limited to: cleaning and maintenance of acrylic, décor, walls, rockwork and substrate; interpretative dive talks for guests; animal husbandry tasks, enrichment and observations
- Monitor diving activities topside as the surface safety diver/dive tender and be prepared to follow protocols to provide assistance in an emergency situation
- Maintain and inspect dive equipment ensuring all is within the proper operating parameters to provide a safe working environment including but not limited to BCDs, regulators, cylinders, full face masks, underwater communications equipment and umbilical's
- Perform interpretive educational dive programs which engage guests, both in and out of the water on a microphone
- Conduct underwater observations of the animals and exhibit while reporting unusual findings to an Aquarist
- Fill air cylinders after every dive with a high pressure breathing gas storage system
- Maintain a clean and orderly back of house work area
- Assist with feeding, care of exhibit animals, and miscellaneous life support system maintenance
- Maintain detailed logs of all diving activities
- Perform special diving activities for holiday events, which may include after hour shifts
- Interface with other GCA departments regarding diving activities, programs, and media events
- Work closely with the curation team and support the work of the department
- Report to GCA in a timely manner, if called upon, in response to an emergency event, which may include hazardous weather, loss of power, animal health, or exhibit maintenance

Position Requirements

- Minimum certification of Open Water diver or equivalent
- Preferred 30 logged open water dives and logged dives within last 6 months
- Complete Medical Statement with medical qualification to dive signed by a physician (MD/DO)
- Must sign the COVID-19 Diving Health Declaration Policy
- Ability to acquire First Aid/CPR and Oxygen provider certification by recognized agency or certification
- Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of dive skills and complete the Greater Cleveland Aquarium Dive Training Program as laid out in the GCA Diving Safe Practices Manual
- Must dive in close proximity to animals including fish, sharks, stingrays and eels
- No impairment of sight, smell, hearing, touch, balance and agility of movement, which might interfere with ability to work. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.
- Ability to lift weight of dive gear up to 70 pounds and capable of physical work
- Must be able to climb stairs and ladders with weight of dive gear
- Must be of sound body and mind to dive
- Must disclose any history of dive related injuries
- Must be able to work cohesively within a team setting
- Required to work a minimum of 4 shifts per month
- Maybe asked to report during emergency situations
- Must be at least 18 years of age

To Apply

The Aquarium is an EEO employer. To be considered for this position, please submit your resume to Halle Minshall, Diving Safety Coordinator, hminshall@greaterclevelandaquarium.com