



Great Lakes

AQUARIUM

POSITION TITLE: SCUBA Diver
DEPARTMENT: Education, Husbandry
SUPERVISOR: Volunteer Coordinator, Dive Coordinator

POSITION SUMMARY:

Dive in our 26 foot deep exhibits, hand feed 6-foot sturgeon, and help keep our exhibits clean. Must be open water certified and have completed 10 open water dives, at least two of which are cold water dives.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Volunteers must engage and interact with the public in an enthusiastically and represent the aquarium in a professional and approachable manner.
2. Dive in our 26 foot deep, cold-water exhibits performing tasks such as hand feed fish, scrub and clean within the exhibit, and interact with guests during diving programs.
3. Prep and prepare the kind and amount of food as needed for each exhibit.
4. Treat dives at GLA like open water dives with buddy checks, slow ascents, and all other prudent dive practices.
5. Attend required orientation sessions.
6. Return and clean dive materials upon completion of duty and advise supervisors of needed repairs.
7. All other job related functions as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential function satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made with review of the Dive Master.

1. You must be at least 14 years old
2. You must have a current dive certification
3. You must have at least one dive logged in the past year
4. You must have the following dives logged:
 - a. 10 open-water dives
 - b. 2 cold-water dives (can be included in the open-water dives)

QUALIFICATIONS (continued):

5. Complete the following steps:
 - Provide the Volunteer Coordinator with a completed volunteer application, waiver, Diving Medical History Form, and background check form.
 - Successfully pass a background check.
 - Participate in an aquarium orientation and learn the information provided by the Volunteer Coordinator.
 - Participate in an orientation with a Dive Master and complete at least 2 dives with GLA staff.

COMMITMENT:

Divers must commit to two 4 hour training sessions and at least 3 dives per year in order to remain active. Volunteers must sign in and out each time they volunteer. Volunteers are no longer considered active if they have not volunteered within a one year period from their last date of service.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS and/or WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Scuba diving makes considerable demands on your physical and emotional condition. Diving with unnecessary risk is asking for trouble not only for yourself, but to anyone coming to your aid if you get into difficulty in the water. Therefore, it is prudent to meet certain medical and physical requirements before beginning a diving or training program. These requirements will be discussed after review of a completed Medical History Form.

The work environment includes diving in our 26 foot cold-water exhibits alongside various types of fish. There is also need for prepping seafood within a Food Prep Kitchen. Those with seafood allergies should be aware of this.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

1. A fun, educational and fulfilling experience
2. Free parking in our parking lot anytime
3. Free admission for you and four guests
4. Volunteer recognition and invitations to special events
5. Gift shop discount

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