

# **General Roost Care Volunteer Job Description**

#### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

General Roost Volunteers support the daily husbandry and treatment of all Avian Ambassadors at Teton Raptor Center. This includes feeding, cleaning, and providing exceptional care of TRC's avian ambassadors, while working alongside TRC staff and interns. Volunteers will work closely with interns, staff and other volunteers to complete the daily checklist and special projects. Depending on the shift within the roost, volunteers will experience different duties, qualifications, skills, and expectations.

#### TIME COMMITMENT

The General Roost Care Shift happens every day except Sunday from 9 am to 12 pm unless otherwise noted, such as in winter or on certain holidays. (TRC is closed to volunteers on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, but staff will be on-site to provide the minimum care to all birds.) There could be a change in shift start time, but those will be communicated in advance by the Volunteer Coordinator.

#### **PROGRESSION**

This position is a general volunteer position, which allows new volunteers to learn the basics of bird care. Volunteers will learn TRC protocols for daily tasks, cleaning, and preparing food.

#### **JOB DUTIES**

- Comply with all state and federal wildlife regulations and TRC permitting
- Shadow staff, interns, or advanced volunteers for daily tasks
- Daily cleaning of enclosures including but not limited to scooping, raking, scrubbing walls, and providing fresh water (seasonally)
- Prepare diets as directed by staff
- Contribute detail for all daily bird records as necessary
- Assist with bird enrichment as directed and assigned by staff
- Aid in special projects
- Other duties as assigned

### **QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS**

- Open to any volunteer
- Required for a volunteer who has been away for longer than 6 months unless otherwise determined by the Volunteer Coordinator
- Some duties may require bending, kneeling, twisting, lifting and/or standing for long periods of time\*
- Ability to follow a checklist for safety and efficiency
- Patience and understanding of training and husbandry protocols
- Eagerness to learn
- Willingness to clean

- Positive attitude
- Exceptional attention to detail

\*Physical limitations might make completing all the duties assigned in this job description challenging. TRC staff will discuss options to adjust or modify some of the requirements for volunteers who may have special physical requirements.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

- If you cannot make a shift, YOU are responsible for removing yourself from the shift. If it is within 24 hours of the scheduled shift, you MUST reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator or Avian Care team staff to let someone know you are unable to come in for your shift. You can call or text our main line (307-203-2551) to alert staff you will not be in for your shift.
- Commit to the duration of your shift. In winter, the shifts may be shorter, but the typical shift is 3 hours. If you need to leave early for any reason, please let the Volunteer Coordinator know at least 24 hours ahead of time. You can either email volunteers@tetonraptorcenter.org or call 307-203-2551 ext. 705.