



# NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES

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## **Animal Care Assistant**

**Description:** The Animal Care Assistant will provide food, water, enrichment, and other care needs for the program animals within the Nature Center's Exhibit Space. These animals currently include two Eastern Box Turtles, two Black Rat Snakes, and a Corn Snake.

**Qualifications:** Ideally, volunteers will have previous experience with animal care and be comfortable handling both snakes and turtles. All specific handling and animal care information will be covered in detail during a training session prior to volunteering, so a willingness to learn is all that is necessary! The snakes are fed frozen/thawed whole mice, but if a volunteer is not comfortable with feeding the snakes, he/she can be scheduled for days when the snakes are not being fed.

**Minimum Time Commitment:** We will work with the volunteer's schedule. Ideally, volunteers would be able to commit to one day a week on a consistent basis. We are particularly in need of volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays. Animals can be cared for at any time during the Nature Center's hours of operation. The amount of time per day varies dependent on the care to be provided on that day but will typically range from 30 minutes to an hour.

**Location:** The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

**Supervision:** Assistants would report directly to the Education Program Specialist.

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