

Great Ape Caregiver

The Center for Great Apes has rescued 14 more chimpanzees in the past eight months, and we need additional chimp caregivers to help provide quality care in a sanctuary environment. The Center has grown rapidly over the past two years, and there are current positions open now to help provide care for 27 orangutans and 44 chimps. Each caregiver works with individual groups of great apes within the 12 areas at the sanctuary.

The last six chimpanzees held in a Missouri breeding compound for the exotic pet trade arrived in August, and shortly after that, eight more chimpanzees (former lab babies) arrived from the shuttered Wildlife Waystation in Los Angeles. These 14 chimpanzees deserve compassionate care from experienced caregivers who have the patience and knowledge to help provide them with as contented and appropriate life as can be provided in captivity.

Must have knowledge of great ape behavior and captive care standards. Beyond experience in primate caregiving duties of daily cleaning, diet prep & feeding, providing creative enrichment, and lifting up to 50 pounds... applicants should have experience in positive reinforcement training and be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions (including heat and humidity). Bachelor's degree in related subject and at least 2 years primate care experience preferred.

Additionally, applicants must have a current negative TB test and proof of COVID19 vaccination and booster.

The Center for Great Apes is located in south central Florida in a rural area amidst orange groves and pastureland. Distance from nearby towns: Wauchula and Avon Park are 10-15 minutes away, Sebring is 20 minutes, Lake Wales is 30 minutes, Lakeland is 45 minutes, and Orlando and Tampa are 90 minutes north.

If you have the appropriate experience and would enjoy working in a sanctuary setting, please send your resume to center@centerforgreatapes.org.