

Living Conservatory Guide

Do you love butterflies and sloths and talking with the public about science and nature? If so, then this might be your dream job!

We are now hiring seasonal guides in our Living Conservatory at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences.

The primary purpose of these temporary positions is to guide Museum guests through the Living Conservatory while interpreting the exhibit. The Living Conservatory is a guided exhibit of live animals and plants representing a Central American tropical forest which includes: a two-toed sloth, a group of ornate wood turtles, a tropical milksnake, a tarantula, and over 30 species of exotic butterflies! This position provides welcoming, engaging, and scientifically accurate interpretation of the Living Conservatory and related topics while protecting the plants, animals, and supporting the overall operation of the Living Conservatory. The position is a member of the Living Conservatory and Arthropod Zoo unit of the Living Collections section of the Museum.

Work schedule:

The Conservatory is open daily, 10:30-4:30.

Part-time guides work three-day rotating schedules from 10:15-4:45. Three-day schedules are typically Wed-Fri or Sat-Mon, including weekends and holidays.

Time frame: Guides begin work 24-May-2025, with paid, in-person training the week prior.

Pay: \$15-17/hour.

Key Responsibilities

- Punctually opening and closing the Living Conservatory to Museum guests according to set schedules and supervisor instructions; working either fixed or rotating schedules.
- Staffing the entry and exit positions in the Living Conservatory according to operating procedures and coordinating with the team to ensure smooth operation during visiting hours.
- Interpreting Living Conservatory content and related topics, answering guest questions, and contributing to a guest experience that is exciting, informative, and inclusive.
- Continually monitoring the animals, plants, and resources in the Living Conservatory; identifying and addressing potential issues; communicating with Living Collections and other Museum staff.
- Light housekeeping, data collection, and other duties as assigned.

Minimum Education and Experience: High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma and one year of experience as related to knowledge, skills, and abilities in area of assignment; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

To apply: send resume and state application form PD-107

<https://oshr.nc.gov/pd107-2023pdf/open>

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