

# **BECZAK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

## VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE FOR POSITION: Aquaria Assistant

POSITION REPORTS TO: Educator, Aquaria Supervisor

GOAL OF THIS VOLUNTEER POSITION: This volunteer will be part of a team that manages the Beczak Aquaria. The three 50 gallon tanks and the tidal tank feature animals from the Hudson River. It is important for Beczak's education programs and for the visiting public that the species represented in the tanks be healthy, clean and presentable.

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JOB ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (EACH VOLUNTEER WILL PERFORM SOME OF THESE TASKS):

- 1) Clean the algae from the inside glass of the tanks. Clean the exterior of the aquaria and cabinets.
- 2) Capture small animals in the tidal marsh to feed the aquarium animals.
- 3) Prepare the captured animals for the exhibit animals to eat.
- 4) Feed the exhibit animals.
- 5) Collect buckets of river water from the beach.
- 6) Test and record water chemistry.
- 7) Perform water changes, vacuum substrate, and add water.

TIMEFRAME:

DURATION OF THIS COMMITMENT: 6 Month minimum

FREQUENCY OF ACTIVITY: 1 visit per week

EXPECTED TIME ON DAY OF ACTIVITY: 1 and a half hours per visit

QUALIFICATIONS SOUGHT:

- 1) Interest in the Hudson River and the animals that dwell within it.
- 2) Experience with aquaria maintenance and aquatic animals or an interest in obtaining experience.
- 3) Reliability. This person must be counted on to fulfill this role with minimal supervision after the training period is over.