

Michigan ECCE - Reading part 3

Difficulty level: B2 / advanced

Read the text and then answer the questions underneath

Kirby Wildlife Park - Keeper Experience - Information Pack	
Due to the large number of inquiries sent to the park from young people interested in working with animals, Kirby Wildlife Park has set up the unique 'Keeper Experience' package. This unique experience is only available at a handful of zoos and wildlife parks in the country. The fantastic experience is available to anyone over the age of 18 who is reasonably fit. We regret that for health and safety reasons, participants who are pregnant, in a wheelchair or suffering from immune suppressant illnesses cannot take part. It is also essential that all participants have a current tetanus vaccination. The participant will work with one of our full-time keepers on a one-to-one basis, not as part of a large group. This enables you to get a real hands-on experience, ask as many questions as you like, and get a day that is really tailored to your interests. Activities will include feeding, mucking out and preparing food. More importantly, you will learn about the different techniques used at our site to ensure the happiness and well-being of our animals. Participants will receive a complimentary entrance ticket for one family or friend to enter the park. Other guests accompanying the participant will need to purchase their own tickets at the normal price. Guests will have access to the park at the usual park opening time of 10am and will not be able to take part in any Keeper Experience activities. Volunteers will receive a gift pack and certificate as a souvenir of the day. A packed lunch is also provided. Volunteers also receive a 20% discount from our animal adoption scheme and any purchases made at the gift shop and on-site restaurant on the same day. What to bring Since most of the work you will do will be	A typical day 9.15 Arrival 9.30 Health and safety briefing 10.00 Apes and Monkeys <i>While cleaning out the enclosure you will find out about how enclosures are enriched with novel items and new smells to stimulate the animals' senses and mimic their natural environment.</i> 11.30 Small Mammals <i>Meet the lemurs and meerkats and find out how the social groups of the captive species are managed.</i> 12.30 Lunch 1.30 Wetland Animals <i>As well as feeding the water birds and mammals, you will find out about our successful breeding and incubation programme. Learn about why and when a keeper will decide to incubate eggs away from the parent and how they monitor the eggs' progress to prepare for the hatching of chicks.</i> 3.00 Big Cats <i>The highlight of most volunteers' day, you will feed the cats and learn about their nutritional needs. Your keeper will give you an introduction to how cat behaviour can be read to get an idea of their welfare and health.</i> 4.30 Meet the Team <i>Meet more of the staff and learn how you can get further involved with work at the park. Learn about our animal adoption scheme, what it takes to be a good keeper and where to obtain the right qualifications for a career in animal welfare.</i> <i>We reserve the right to make changes to this itinerary</i>

outside, make sure you bring warm clothes, and bring waterproofs in case of rainy weather. Since many of the animal pens are muddy and therefore slippery, it's important to wear sturdy boots with good grips on the soles. Other protective clothing will be provided on the day.	
Booking and cancellation The Keeper Experience is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year, except during school vacations at Easter, Christmas and summer, and must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Full payment must be made at the time of booking. Cancellations made less than fourteen days before the event will incur a 60% cancellation fee. All other cancellations will receive a full refund.	

1 Which of the following people is allowed to participate in the Keeper Experience?

- ☐ a) A 16-year-old interested in working with animals in future
- ☐ b) A woman who is expecting a baby
- ☐ c) A man with no experience of working with animals
- ☐ d) A wheelchair-bound 18-year-old

2 What does the Keeper Experience provide in terms of lunch?

- ☐ a) The Wildlife Park will provide lunch in the on-site restaurant
- ☐ b) The volunteer receives a packed lunch
- ☐ c) The volunteer and one friend or family member receive a packed lunch
- ☐ d) Lunch is available at the on-site restaurant at the volunteer's cost.

3 Why should a specific type of boot be worn?

- ☐ a) Because it may rain
- ☐ b) Because much of the work is done outdoors
- ☐ c) Because the volunteer may otherwise slip and fall
- ☐ d) Because it protects the volunteer from animals

4 What is the best part of the experience, for most volunteers?

- ☐ a) Feeding the big cats
- ☐ b) Having on-to-one attention
- ☐ c) Seeing the monkeys and ape
- ☐ d) Learning about animal well-being

- 5 What happens if you cancel 3 weeks before the event?
- ☐ a) You do not get any money back
 - ☐ b) You get less than half of your money back
 - ☐ c) You get more than half of your money back
 - ☐ d) You get all your money back.
- 6 What will the guest with the complimentary ticket do between 9.15 and 10.00?
- ☐ a) Attend the health and safety briefing
 - ☐ b) Look around the Wildlife Park
 - ☐ c) Wait outside the Wildlife Park
 - ☐ d) Visit the on-site restaurant and gift shop
- 7 Which of the following will the volunteer do during the day?
- ☐ a) Prepare animal food
 - ☐ b) Watch eggs hatching
 - ☐ c) Feed the apes and monkeys
 - ☐ d) Obtain a keeper's qualification
- 8 How many people will be present during the Keeper experience?
- ☐ a) One volunteer and one keeper
 - ☐ b) A group of volunteers and one keeper
 - ☐ c) one volunteer, the volunteer's friend and the keeper
 - ☐ d) a group of volunteers and a group of keepers
- 9 What is NOT given to the volunteer as part of the day?
- ☐ a) a certificate
 - ☐ b) a free item from the gift shop
 - ☐ c) advice about getting a career in zookeeping
 - ☐ d) a discount for the animal adoption scheme
- 10 On which of these days can you be a volunteer?
- ☐ a) The Monday after Easter Day
 - ☐ b) Next Wednesday
 - ☐ c) A Friday between Christmas and New Year
 - ☐ d) A Monday in September

11 Which of the following DOES NOT happen at the Wildlife Park?

- ☐ a) eggs are taken away from bird parents
- ☐ b) monkeys spend time outside their enclosures
- ☐ c) keepers choose which small mammals will live together
- ☐ d) the timetable for the Keeper Experience is altered

12 At what time of day will volunteers learn about the design of animal habitats?

- ☐ a) 10
- ☐ b) 11.30
- ☐ c) 1.30
- ☐ d) 3.00

13 When do volunteers pay for the event?

- ☐ a) when they book the event
- ☐ b) two weeks before the event
- ☐ c) on the day of the event
- ☐ d) either when they book or on the day of the event