

Volunteer help is urgently needed at the El Valle Amphibian Conservation Center

Due to changes in administrative organization, EVACC has several vacant keeper positions that cannot be filled currently, possibly until May. To ensure that rescued amphibians are adequately cared for in the transition, EVACC is seeking volunteers to help with the following tasks:

1. Assist in the maintenance and basic husbandry of the invertebrate colonies.

We have eight different inverts currently at EVACC. We are not asking for people to change our system, we will have our protocols all written up and available for volunteers to thumb through before accepting the position. We are always willing to listen to ideas for improving our existing systems, however volunteers must understand that this is not an institution in the United States and our available resources and environmental conditions are very different from what they may be used to in their institutions.

2. Assist in the husbandry and maintenance of the public exhibition area.

The exhibition area needs some help with cleaning and basic husbandry.

The details:

1. A minimum 2-week commitment is preferred. Less than this and the cost of training outweighs the benefit of the help.
2. EVACC staff cannot provide airport pick-up service. A volunteer would need a little 'spirit of adventure' to get a taxi from the airport to the bus station to catch a bus to El Valle. EVACC staff can help make arrangements if an overnight stay is needed in Panama City coming in or leaving.
3. EVACC will provide lodging. The project house has clean mattresses, sheets, and towels available for the volunteers. The house is located about 2 km away from the facility, walking, taking a taxi and taking the local bus are options of transportation in and around El Valle. The house also has an equipped kitchen. WiFi internet is also available at the house.
4. Food is not included.

If you are able to help, please contact Paul Crump ASAP pcrump@houstonzoo.org.

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