

Tour Guide

Our tour guides lead tours for the public through the VMIC and Falconry exhibit as well as pre-scheduled groups. They provide information to visitors and ensure the visitor has a positive experience at our facility.

Reports to: Mark Purdy, Education Programs Coordinator
Nick Piccono, Operations Manager

Position Description:

- Welcome all visitors and suggest activities for a meaningful visit.
- Guide tours through the Interpretive Center or Falconry Exhibit.
- Answer visitor questions about birds of prey, the local area, biology, ecology, etc.
- Guide prescheduled groups.
- Perform opening and closing duties within the Interpretive Center daily.
- Over time, docents may learn to handle some of the birds.

Requirements:

- Minimum age of 15 years.
- Attendance at one orientation session.
- Strong communication skills.
- Must be available for continuing education and training workshops.
- An open mind and willingness to learn.

Training:

- Train with Mark or Nick and shadow multiple shifts
- Proficient in gift shop operations.
- Must attend at least one workshop per year on any topic.
- Complete Self Checks on TPfund, Bird Biographies, basic bird biology, and falconry tour.
- Continuing education presentations are also given to update volunteers on current projects managed by The Peregrine Fund, provide new information or interpretive techniques, bird handling, and other topics of use to the docent. Attendance at these is not required but encouraged.
- Additional self-study is suggested.