



Name _____

ZOO CAREERS

There are many different careers available at a Zoo – animal keeper, scientist, administrator, security guard, and everything in between. Discover how all these different positions work together to support a greater mission.

1. Draw a line to match the jobs to the responsibilities.

Zoo Jobs	Responsibilities
President/CEO	Supervises & conducts research projects
Animal/Plant Researcher	Maintains grounds, landscaping; designs gardens
Safety Director	Raises funds, writes grants, solicits donations
Development Specialist	Designs signage and exhibits
Horticulturist	Executes policies as directed by Board of Trustees
Graphic Designer	Creates educational programs, assists with signage
Educator	Responsible for health and safety of staff and visitors

2. Visit one of the Zoo’s many scheduled Animal Encounters or Keeper Talks (see Zoo map for locations & times) and fill in the information below:

Animal: _____ Date and Time of Encounter: _____

Job title of presenter: _____

How long they have been working with that type of animal? _____

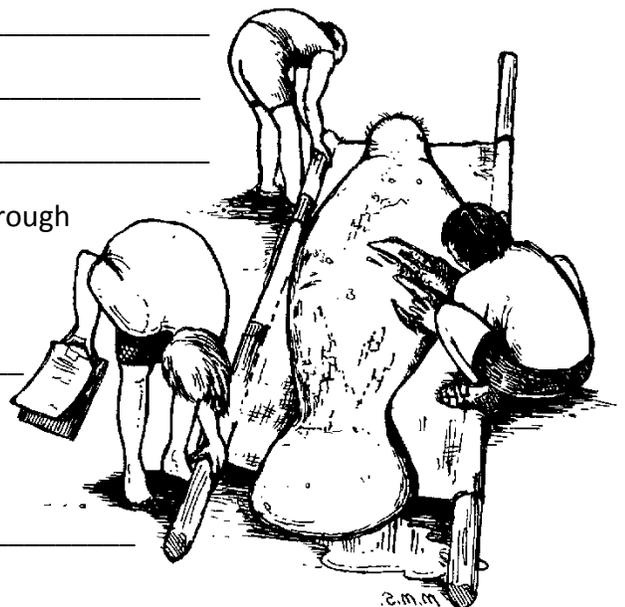
What is the most rewarding part of their job? _____

What is the most challenging part of their job? _____

3. Visit the CREW building (open to visitors from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 12:00-3:00 pm).

a. How do CREW scientists help endangered plants & animals?

b. What are some technologies that these scientists use daily?



4. Visit Manatee Springs. Find the Manatee Conservation Poster computers and make a poster. Write the message you created on your poster in the box below.



Imagine that you work at the Zoo as an Educator or Keeper. One of your duties is to talk to visitors about manatees. Think about what message you want visitors to walk away with. What would your talk focus on, and why?

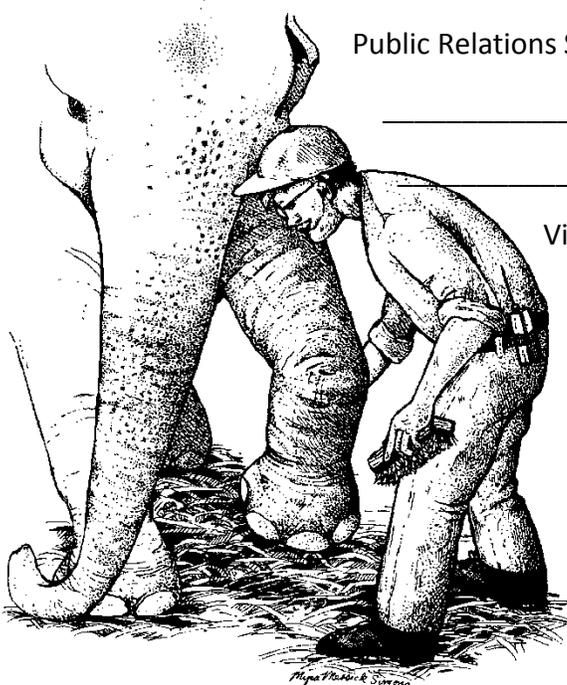
5. The mission of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is dedicated to *creating adventure, conveying knowledge, conserving nature, and serving the community*. With your group, discuss and explain how the following positions can help support the Zoo's mission:

Animal Keeper _____

Public Relations Specialist _____

Vice President _____

Finance Manager _____



5. Find any Zoo employee and request a few minutes of time to learn more about their job. Gather the following information:

Q. What is their job title?

A. _____

Q. What does their typical day at work entail?

A. _____

Q. Do they have a degree? If so, in what?

A. _____

Come up with a question of your own for them:

Q. _____

A. _____



6. How does the signage in **Wings of the World** compare to the signage in **Night Hunters**?

	Wings of the World	Night Hunters
Similarities		
Differences		

Which Zoo positions would have created these signs? _____

What might explain the differences between the signs at these locations? _____

7. Which Zoo career is most interesting to you and why? _____

