

BigCats@Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary

School holidays – come and try the Keeper Holiday Program!!



Clothing: You must come prepared with appropriate shoes and clothing for the day, like what you'd wear for tramping or working outside. This includes sturdy enclosed shoes, long pants, a hat, and wet weather gear if appropriate. Don't forget sunscreen and water bottle.

Accessibility and fitness: This is an immersive, full-day experience and requires a moderate level of fitness as there is a lot of walking involved, some uneven surfaces and activities such as cleaning or shovelling. Unfortunately, this experience is not wheelchair accessible.

Health and safety: Participants must comply with all health and safety directions as per the terms and conditions, and any communications from staff throughout the experience. Physical contact with animals may or may not occur on this experience and inclusion of any particular animals is not guaranteed.

Morning Break & Lunch

You will definitely need refueling so make sure to have something with you for morning break and lunch. We do have hot and cold drinks on site.

Enthusiasm is a must!

You will be provided with some pre-program reading to introduce you to the routine. Over the 2 days, you will learn some of the basics of what a keeper's job involves. See and experience the feed-out of your allocated section. Follow safety protocols in and around enclosures whilst under supervision of trained staff. Learn about the enrichment program and have input into the application. Develop species knowledge and awareness of different behaviours.

Enjoy access to the "behind the scenes" action of staff and animals. Ask heaps of questions of our great staff, that's how you learn!

To enroll contact office directly on 09 4350110

- ❖ **Be A Keeper Snr Program**
- ❖ **January 20 and 21 (Friday/Saturday)**



Ages 14-16 years

Day 1: 7.45am to 4.00pm

Day 2: 8.00am to 4.00pm

morning break at 10am and lunch at 1pm

Day 1

Start with an Induction to the site before joining the staff morning briefing meeting.

Allocated to keepers for the day, you will assist them with preparation to feed, feeding, fence and containment checks, cleaning, enrichment, enclosure maintenance and anything else in the program for the day.

Your supervisor will take you through your main tasks which will introduce the basics of keeping that is, "poos, bones and smells/enrichment". Our enrichment plan co-ordinator will have set plans for the week that you may be assisting with. Ie making frozen blocks, creating toys, laying forage feeds.

Improve your species knowledge and start to observe the animal behaviours. Use the opportunity to ask heaps of questions.

Day 2

Join the morning meeting once again. Allocated to the keeping team for the day, once again feed out, cleaning and enrichment are the main jobs for the day. More of Day 1 followed by the notes and data recording to support the routine

Expand on dietary information, you may be able to participate in the weighing of some big cats. Enrichment again today which may be the placing of new toys or activities with the elements of "sensory and forage" being allocated to Friday/Saturday.

Cost: \$295