

Critter Performer Job Description

Paid Temporary Staff

Summary

In accordance with the Visit Anchorage mission, the Critter Performer position works under the direct supervision of the Visitor Service Manager to perform in public wearing a Visit Anchorage critter costume at special events or functions. The five Visit Anchorage critter costumes are a bald eagle, beaver, bear and Dall sheep. Seymour of Anchorage, a moose, is Visit Anchorage's mascot and symbol of hospitality.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Performers must be must be punctual, reliable and appear at assigned events at specified times and locations as agreed upon in advance with Visit Anchorage.
2. Performers are expected to adhere to Visit Anchorage guidelines for critter behavior at all times.
3. Critter Performers are encouraged to interact in an animated fashion with audiences of all ages.
4. Critter Performers may have to stand for extended periods of time, and may walk long distances during certain events.

Qualifications/Skills

1. Ability to walk, bend and move freely while wearing thick "fur" costumes, padding and large, full-coverage heads for an extended period of time.
2. "Seymour of Anchorage" costume wearer must be a minimum of 5'7" tall. All other costumes require wearer to be minimum 5' tall.
3. Performers should have an animated personality and be able to interact comfortably with large groups of people. Close physical contact with the public can include shaking hands and hugging, especially with children.

Work Environment

1. Critter costume heads allow only poor visibility. Handlers are provided to help guide Critters and ensure the safety of Performers while in public.
2. Costumes are hot. Performers should wear light clothing such as shorts and T-shirts, and be prepared to perspire while performing.
3. Performances can take place at indoor or outdoor events and in varying temperatures.
4. Water breaks will be provided as needed. Performers are allowed to remove costume heads only when out of public view.
5. Critters do not speak while in public.