

Education Team Information for Prospective Volunteers



What we do

Our Education Team at Kanyana has the exciting task of engaging the community about our unique Australian wildlife. There are several jobs within the Education Team; you can do any or all of these:

- Outreach visits to schools, wildlife events & aged care facilities etc.
- Education experiences at Kanyana for school/scout groups
- Discovery Tours (Thursday and Sunday) for general public
- Nocturnal Tours (Friday and Saturday) for general public
- Meet & Greet experiences for general public

A reasonable level of fitness is required, as you will be asked to assist in catching and packing up animals, carrying cages and equipment in and out of venues. A Working with Children Check is also required. Usually a minimum of two volunteers attend on each educational session.

Training

You will receive appropriate training for the role(s) that you perform on the team. You will never be asked to perform a task or present an animal that you're not comfortable with. There are regular training sessions to learn new information or to simply refresh your animal handling skills.

At first, you will be able to observe one of our experienced volunteers. When you feel ready, you will be asked to present one animal and gradually be able to talk about our entire group of Education animals; you start with the bobtail lizard and boodie. We have a range of birds, mammals, and reptiles used for education.

Committing Time

Rosters will be emailed to you, and you can select which sessions you would like to attend to gain experience; you're expected to volunteer at least once a week. You are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly meeting, alternating between the 2nd Wednesday and 2nd Sunday of each month at 1pm. At this meeting rosters for the next 6 weeks or so are finalized.

Dress Code

Kanyana Shirt (\$30) with neat pants and closed in shoes.