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Registered Charity Number 1181186

"Saving Animals Together Since 1983"

Santa Claus Job Description (yes, really!)

Job description:

Location: Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, Brentwood

Hours: 10am – 3pm, including a 30-minute break

Pay: Competitive rates

We're looking for a very special someone to don the famous red suit and become Hopefield's very own Santa Claus for our Christmas at Ho-Ho-Hopefield event this festive season!

This is one of the most magical events in our calendar, welcoming families to the sanctuary for a festive day out and, of course, a very important visit to Santa. We're looking for someone warm, confident and full of Christmas spirit who can bring the magic of Santa to life and create wonderful memories for the children and families visiting us.

The Role

As Santa, you'll be based in our beautifully decorated Grotto, meeting families throughout the day.

You'll be responsible for:

- Warmly welcoming children and their families into the grotto
- Chatting and interacting with children in character as Santa
- Making each visit feel personal, magical and memorable
- Posing for photographs with children and families
- Working alongside our Christmas elves and event team to keep appointments running smoothly
- Remaining enthusiastic and in character throughout each session
- Helping us create the friendly, relaxed and magical atmosphere that makes Christmas at Hopefield so special

Who We're Looking For

You don't necessarily need previous professional Santa experience – personality is far more important to us!

Our ideal Santa will be:

- Naturally warm, friendly and approachable
- Confident speaking and interacting with children of different ages

- Patient and understanding, particularly with children who may be shy, nervous or need a little extra time
- Fun, enthusiastic and able to think on their feet
- Reliable and punctual
- Comfortable staying in character for the duration of each session
- Happy working as part of a busy events team
- Able to commit to all of the required dates

Previous experience working with children, families, entertainment or events would be an advantage, but isn't essential.

Required Dates

Applicants **MUST** be available for all of the following dates:

- Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November
- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December
- Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th December
- Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd December

Costume - Already have your own high-quality Santa costume? Fantastic! If not, we're able to provide a high-quality Santa costume for you, so having your own isn't essential.

DBS Check - As the role involves interacting with children, the successful applicant will be required to have an appropriate DBS check. If you don't currently have one, we can arrange this for you.

This isn't just another Christmas event – by working at Christmas at Ho -Ho-Hopefield, you'll also be helping to support the hundreds of rescued animals who call Hopefield home.

We want every child who walks through Santa's door to leave believing they've just met the real Father Christmas – so if you've got the personality, warmth and Christmas spirit to make that happen, we'd love to hear from you!

Benefits:

- Discounted food from Max's Café (on-site)
- Free parking

Application question(s):

- Please provide a covering statement explaining why you'd be perfect for this role.
- Are you able to work on all 11 dates listed within the advert?