

October 18, 2021.

Greeting Cheetah.org Members and Friends,

I am applying to this position as a Working Guest to be considered a helper for the four weeks of December 8 through December 29, 2021. Please refer to my resume and the attached files.

Following your Working Guest Program, I am attending Shasta College, Shasta California FIRE ACADEMY, SPRING 2022. That program begins January 18, 2022 for 18 weeks. Prior to working as a Guest at the Conservation Center, in addition to the skills listed on my resume, I hope to earn my CA Commercial Driver License. My CDL has been, "in the works" for almost a year since I fell in love with, and purchased a CAT Super10 Dumptruck. Believe me, commercial drivers make commercial driving look easy.

My long term goal is to teach English at the high school level, either public or private. I will pursue this dream in the Monterey, Carmel, or Santa Cruz County vicinity. I do what I do in hopes to teach whatever I have attempted to go about life learning. Someday I hope that makes sense to someone.

Following my contract work in hazard tree assessment and debris removal, I purchased a CZU Fire burn lot with the original idea to build a home. After spending contemplative hours there, my goal has become to turn the site into a small Children's Museum, similar to the Palo Alto Junior Zoo and Museum. That CZU view, and that space, need to be seen and shared. I have nicknamed that project **ChiMwoW!** (Children's Museum/works of Weather!) It will be to honor the science of the site, nature rebounding, and the amazing people I have met since really discovering Santa Cruz County following the fires, all of whom I consider "Artists."

My hobbies include nature photography, especially hiking scenes, and creative writing. I am working on developing ideas for children's books. One book has been illustrated. Others, such as the concept I have included here, are ideas in progress.

I am currently working hours to gain a certificate in Montessori Education / Early Childhood. Our human psychology doesn't stray far from observations of preschoolers. My thinking is to supplement my "Author/Artist/Teacher/Seasonal Firefighter" income with real estate projects and sales, perhaps commercial live/work spaces.

Working with cats will give me all of the answers missing here.

I look forward to helping you at the Center! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Truly and respectfully,

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