Application to Volunteer with CCF Namibia

Cover Letter - Alexander Geanaros

Hello,

Beth Fellenstein had recommended that I apply directly via email, but I’m not sure that message got through.

I’ve volunteered with CCF’s USA fundraisers several times in the past and am in a stronger position to be able to contribute financially and by volunteering my time and energy. I’m almost 33 and run my own small non-profit here in the States and have been promoting CCF’s work for some time now. I would like to take an opportunity see more of your work in person and contribute in a hands-on way. Also, I understand that I may not be close in age to other inters or volunteers and am fine with solo assignments or assisting staff as an extra pair of hands.

I can help with a variety of administrative duties as well as a variety of IT-related tasks. I’m also quite handy and have volunteered extensively in South Africa and Zimbabwe with anti-poaching programs that were more rigorous than the traditional conservation-tourism (which I’ve also experienced). I’d be happy to help with more physical tasks like snare sweeps or basic construction projects, as I’ve done in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

I am most interested in attaching myself to a project(s) that I can do a lot to directly support and contribute to in a longer-term capacity (if needed). Pre-COVID I had talked with Dr. Brewer (in person) and Mr. Beringer (by email) about the BushBlok project. I’m very interested in seeing or helping with that in addition to any other projects that I can be of assistance.

I’m sure you get a lot of people who only want to work with cheetahs; I’m happy to jump around between projects in whatever way helps the most. I know that cycling through volunteers every 2 or 4 weeks involves a lot of time spent on-boarding each new group, so I’m hoping to make a better use of everyone’s time by offering to volunteer for 4+ weeks.

Due to continued travel restrictions/challenges in the US, I’d be looking for volunteer opportunities in July or later. Otherwise, I’m available to help at a time and length that works best for CCF.

If there are any suggestions on nearby/related projects from other NGOs that also need volunteers, I’d be interested in those opportunities as well after my time with CCF is up.

Thanks for your time!

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