

ALLISON LEACH

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Highly passionate primate enrichment volunteer with an impressive work ethic. Experience working with captive great apes at sanctuaries in both Cameroon and Borneo. Skilled in the development of enrichment programs, care for disabled animals, and delivery of conservation education programs.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue **2015 to Present**
Board Member

- Represent SYCR at annual meetings of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)
- Lead fundraising efforts to support the Sanctuary's long-term sustainability
- Provide oversight of annual operating budget
- Act as an ambassador for the organization, help communicate and promote its missions and programs to the community

WWF-PICBOU, Democratic Republic of Congo **2016 Sep – Nov**
Volunteer - Projet Intégré de Conservation des Bonobos de l'OUest

- Assisted local trackers in bonobo habituation process (Mai Ndombe province)
- Developed and implemented a 2-day bonobo sensitization workshop for 4 primary schools with local NGO MbouMonTour

Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine, Borneo **2014 Jul – Dec**
Enrichment Volunteer - Orangutan Foundation International

- Implemented daily enrichment program for over 300 captive orangutans
- Assisted in day releases of young and mature orangutans
- Designed and instituted specific daily enrichment activities for a disabled orangutan
- Performed photography assignments for Dr. Biruté Galdikas
- Led Ecotour groups for Dr. Galdikas in her absence

Baliwick Zoological Park, Catskill, NY **2013 – 2014**
Enrichment Volunteer

- Provided enrichment and care for an elderly solitary chimpanzee
- Helped staff recognize and combat stereotypes
- Arranged medical treatment for chimp's chronic pain

Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Center (IDA-Africa), Cameroon **2013 Jan – Apr**
Volunteer caregiver

- Participated in the daily feeding of over 72 captive chimps
- Provided daily primary care and physical therapy for a paralyzed chimp
- Rotated in as a surrogate mother to two orphan baby chimps

Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists, New York, NY **2006 – 2007**
Volunteer

- Assisted vet techs in emergency care of small animals

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Allison Leach Photography, Gardiner, NY **2008 to Present**

- Stock Photography Clients include: Getty, Photonica, Contour, Tony Stone and Caters

Rocky Mountain School of Photography, Missoula, MT **2005 to 2011**

- Developed and taught 6-month and 1-month workshops on Studio Lighting

Allison Leach Photography, New York, NY **1994 to 2008**

- Contributing Photographer, *People Magazine*, New York, NY
- Editorial Clients included: *Vanity Fair, Esquire, Elle, Newsweek, Time, Fortune, Business Week, Men's Health, Entertainment Weekly, The New York Times Sunday Magazine, Interview, Parade*
- Advertising Clients included: Spotco Advertising, Ogilvy & Mather, McCann Erickson, Grey Advertising, Saatchi & Saatchi, Comedy Central and MTV

EDUCATION

1986 Summer	The British Institute of Florence	Florence, Italy
1983-1984	Bristol University Junior Year Abroad	Bristol, England
1981-1985	Rice University B.A. Degree in English and Art/Art History	Houston, TX
1980 Summer	AFS Studentship	Lahnstein, Germany