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Youth Week Inspires Rare Chance for Career Experience

To celebrate 2010's National Youth Week the Alice Springs Desert Park is offering young Alice Springs locals a unique opportunity to experience life as a park guide or zookeeper at the Desert Park.

The opportunity is open to anyone aged between 12 and 20 years and Alice Springs Desert Park Sales and Marketing Manager, Estelle Marshall said that she hopes this opportunity will encourage the youth of Alice Springs to pursue their career aspirations.

"The Youth Week activities at the Desert Park provide young locals with a rare opportunity for first-hand experience working as a park guide or zookeeper," Mrs Marshall said.

"As an honorary zookeeper participants will get behind-the-scenes experience feeding and caring for the animals, and they will work with some of Australia's most threatened species, including the Mala and the Bilby.

"This year we have introduced 'The Great Reptile Expedition' whereby participants can join a zookeeper over three days for five expeditions, investigating the quantity and variety of animals at the Desert Park."

National Youth Week is celebrated across Australia from Saturday, 10 April to Sunday, 18 April 2010, and Mrs Marshall said this year's theme of 'Live It Now' is appropriate for the activities at the Desert Park.

"Places are limited for these free, exclusive opportunities so I really encourage anyone interested to 'Live It Now' and contact the Desert Park as soon as possible," Mrs Marshall said.

Activities at the Desert Park will be running at various times during National Youth Week and details can be found at www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au.

For more information or to register your interest contact the Desert Park on 8951 8788 during business hours. Be quick as spaces are limited!

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Media Note – for more information contact Estelle Marshall on 8951 8707.

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