

Animal Care Internship

ORGANIZATION: Wildwood Wildlife Park and Nature Center

ANIMAL CARE POSITION: **2011 Summer Internship Positions are filled for season! No Vacancy**

Wildwood Wildlife Park will be hiring six interns for summer (Late May-Late August) 2012.

Wildwood Wildlife Park will start accepting resumes in September 2011 for 2012. The Internship consists of 40 hours a week including weekday, weekends, and holidays. The intern is paid (\$7.25 per hour) and housing is available on-site for a fee.



REQUIREMENTS: Candidates should have at least two semesters of college and majoring in captive wildlife management, conservation biology, zoology, or animal sciences. Interested candidates will need to enroll in college internship class to obtain an internship position at Wildwood Wildlife Park.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Carry out all aspects of the daily care of assigned animals including cleaning, feeding, observing and evaluating animal conditions and behaviors. Participate in daily educational programs and communicate with and assist guests. Providing environmental and behavioral enrichment opportunities. Perform repairs and preventative maintenance as necessary; maintain clean and organized exhibits, equipment, keeper areas and grounds. Will learn capture and restraint, raptor and mammal rehabilitation, assist with veterinary care, and special events planning.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have the ability to maintain good working relationships with interns, seasonal staff, volunteers, and full-time keeper staff as assigned. Must demonstrate the ability to learn and integrate information, knowledge and direction quickly and complete tasks as needed. Must have strong communication skills as speaking to the general public is required. Must be alert and make sound independent judgments. Must have the ability to follow oral and written instructions.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Will also be subjected to strong odor, hay, and animal hair/fur/dander. Zookeeping is a physically demanding profession. Must be able to climb ladders/stairs, lift and carry crates/animals/feed-weighing 50-70lbs. Must be agile and flexible to maneuver in and around animals within exhibits, corrals, and holding areas.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Must maintain current tetanus vaccination (5-years) and be willing to have annual TB test done. Must be able to lift 50-70 lbs.

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNSHIP: This internship will provide practical experiences to help develop your professional skills related to animals. This experience will benefit your resume. We offer a progressive management style that gives interns an opportunity to have a great deal of responsibility, while still providing a supportive, stimulating and fun work place. You will gain a vast amount of knowledge for your future.

PLEASE SEND A COVER LETTER AND RESUME;

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