

# SUMMER ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIPS

## **ORGANIZATION: Wildwood Wildlife Park and Nature Center, Minocqua, WI**

- Wildwood Wildlife Park personnel start interviewing candidates in December for the next summer positions.
- The internship runs from the middle of May through Labor-day weekend.
- Interviewing for internship positions are conducted on-site.
- The Internship position consists of 37 or more hours per week. The intern is required to work 480 hours (3 months) including weekday, weekends, and holidays.
- Interns positions are stipend.
- Housing is available on-site.
- Positions fill up quickly so do not delay on sending your application in.



## **INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must be currently enrolled in college-level classes and working toward a degree in captive wildlife management, conservation biology, biology, zoology, or animal science. Must have an interest in working with the general public. Must exhibit consistent professional characteristics such as a positive attitude, ability to show initiative, emotional maturity and self-responsibility. Selected interns will be required to enroll for academic credit.

**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 minor repairs and preventative maintenance as necessary; maintain clean and organized exhibits, equipment, keeper areas, and park grounds.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must have the ability to maintain good working relationship 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.

## **BENEFITS OF THE INTERNSHIP:**

This internship will provide practical experiences to help develop your professional skills related to animals. A structured learning experience is developed through the cooperation of Wildwood Wildlife Park and the University, allowing students to apply classroom theory and occupational skills in a work-study environment. This internship may open doors to finding a job that is related to your major area of study. You will gain a vast amount of knowledge for your future job placement.

## **SEND A COVER LETTER, RESUME AND TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE;**

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