

The High Desert Museum

Position Description

Title: Wildlife Intern

Division: Wildlife Programs

Classification:

Seasonal, Full or Part Time Unpaid Intern. May – September.

Position closes April 15, 2009

Reports To: Wildlife Specialists and Wildlife Curator

Supervises: Volunteers

Job Summary:

The program-focused Wildlife Intern's daily basic responsibilities include 1) Daily husbandry, training, and management of the animals in the Wildlife Programs 2) Assisting in presentation of wildlife encounters and shows which include mammals, reptiles, and free-flight birds, and 3) Assisting with volunteers in the B.O.P. Volunteer Program. Wildlife Program animals include birds of prey, small mammals, and reptiles.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled or recently graduated from an accredited college or university

- Have a minimum of one year of coursework in a biological science

- Ability to perform physical tasks including, but not limited to, lifting 50 pounds, carrying, stooping, bending, extensive walking, crawling, or climbing and withstand working outside in the extreme weather conditions typical of Central Oregon

- Commit to a set work schedule of either 24 or 40 hours/week (note which you prefer in application)

- Ability to work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, some evenings, early mornings, and occasional overtime

- Comply with all Museum policies, procedures, and safety regulations

The Internship is meant to provide practical learning experience and knowledge in the field of animal

husbandry, animal handling, and public presentations. Interns will handle a variety of birds, reptiles, and

possibly mammals and participate in both formal and informal interpretive presentations. Interns will be

instructed in and have responsibility for the following areas:

- Animal Husbandry (including record keeping, cleaning, etc.)

- General maintenance and upkeep of animal exhibits and enclosures

- Animal observations

- Nutrition and Diets (including preparation)

- Environmental Enrichment

- Animal Behavior and Training

- Formal and Informal Public Presentations

In return, the intern makes a significant contribution to the High Desert Museum's Wildlife Department, and

will be supported in any projects required for credit at his/her university, and gain references to further their

career in the animal field.