

The High Desert Museum

Position Description

Title: Wildlife Intern

Division: Wildlife Exhibits

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 exhibit-focused Wildlife Intern's daily basic responsibilities include 1) Daily husbandry, training, and management of the animals in the Wildlife Exhibits, 2) Maintenance of all wildlife exhibits.

Wildlife Exhibit animals include mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and invertebrates. Emphasis placed on candidates with interest and experience working with, but not limited to, reptiles and/or equines.

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 ability to withstand working outside in the extreme weather conditions typical of Central Oregon.

- Commit to a set work schedule dependent on school and regular job hours.

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

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

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

husbandry, animal handling, and exhibit design. Interns will work with and around a variety of mammals,

birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates. 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.