



Plumpton Park Zoological Gardens

1416 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Please email applications to: PlumptonParkVolunteers@gmail.com

ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SHEET AND APPLICATION

JOB DESCRIPTION: Animal Care Internships assist the zookeeper staff with basic animal husbandry duties. In addition special projects can be arranged or designed to meet qualifications for school credit.

Plumpton Park Zoological Gardens is inviting applications from college or graduate students majoring in animal sciences, biology, zoology, wildlife and fisheries management, psychology for animal care, or related field for internship positions. These internship positions are unpaid over negotiable time periods to provide applicants with valuable experience in a zoological setting. *All internships require a three month minimum commitment. Start dates are flexible. Spring/Fall/Winter internships require 16 hours a week, 190 hours total. Summer internships require 20-24 hours a week, 240 to 290 hours total.*

Students that participate in this internship program will be exposed to providing daily care and management to zoo animals, animal training and enrichment, diet preparation, monitoring animal behavior, record keeping, pen design and maintenance, observe veterinary care, special events planning, public interpretation, observational research, and field research.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old with valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Minimum commitment of 3 months, 190 hours for Spring/Fall/ Winter. 240-290 hours for Summer
- Available to work weekdays and willing to work weekends and holidays
- Be able to lift up to 50 pounds
- Able to stand/walk for extended periods of time and able to work in all weather conditions
- Must be fluent in the English language (verbal and written communication)
- Able and willing to read and follow verbal and written work instructions and work independently
- Willing to assist with administrative, customer relations, maintenance, and housekeeping tasks as well as animal care
- Able to commit to upholding all Zoo safety and personnel policies, and support the overall non-profit mission
- Complete a project of the intern's own design, or an assigned project, during the internship period

COMPENSATION

- Interns will not be compensated. There are no living stipends offered with this program. Interns are responsible for securing their own housing, transportation, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsibilities vary depending on the area. Assisting keepers with daily tasks typically include: cleaning animal exhibits, cleaning buildings and grounds, driving golf carts, diet preparation, record keeping, public presentations, and other assigned duties.

Animal Care Internships will focus on several areas within the zoo:

- Hoofstock
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Other Mammals
- Birds
- Primates

RESOURCES

- Each intern will be provided an intern handbook that will provide written expectations, instructions, policies, and guidelines. Interns will be expected to read all materials provided and sign all documents required prior to beginning the internship.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CREDIT HOURS

- While interns may be eligible to earn college credit for completing an internship, the responsibility lies upon the student to determine, with their college or university advisor, what is required in order to be awarded such credit. Interns will be responsible for communicating any such requirements to their site supervisor as soon as possible to determine if they may be met within the internship program and organization's own policies and guidelines.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME:

GENDER:

circle one: male or female

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

(address)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

EMAIL:

PHONE:

(circle one: Cell or Home)

DATE OF BIRTH:

EDUCATION

NAME OF SCHOOL OR
COLLEGE:

DEGREE (IN PROGRESS):

GRADUATION DATE (ESTIMATED):

ARE YOU SEEKING
COLLEGE CREDIT FOR
THIS INTERNSHIP?

ARE YOU AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF
AGE?

HAVE YOU EVER VOLUNTEERED AT
PLUMPTON PARK ZOO BEFORE?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT
THIS INTERNSHIP?

1. Please explain your goals and how this internship will help you to achieve those goals.

2. Select the skills you can offer as an intern (select all that apply):

Small Animal Care Domestic Pets Public Speaking
 Exotic Animal Care Birds Heavy Equipment Operator
 Farm Animal Care Reptiles Carpentry
 Previous Zoo Experience Landscaping Fundraising Experience

Please list other skills, activities, experience and/or classes that are relevant to this internship not mentioned above.

3. What are the start and end dates of your availability? Which days are you available to work? Days will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis and based on your availability. Shifts are typically 8am to 5pm. Half shifts may be available.



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PLEASE CHECK WHICH INTERNSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Winter Internship (Dec.-Feb.)

Summer Internship (May-August)

Spring Internship (Feb.-May)

Fall Internship (August-Dec.)

INTERN SIGNATURE

I understand that as a volunteer I will not receive monetary compensation or benefits for my services.

I give my consent to be photographed in volunteer activities and for the photographs to be used for Zoo purposes. I am at least 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____

