JOB TITLE: Conservation Education Internship – Unpaid

REPORTS TO: Curator of Animal Care and Conservation Education

JOB CLASSIFICATION: Compensation school credit; reaches 288 total hours

JOB PURPOSE: To assist the Conservation Education Department in promoting awareness of conservation issues through engaging, educational, and entertaining zoo experiences.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESULTS:
• Assist in school programming and live animal presentations
• Performing educational outreach animal encounters both on and off campus
• Assisting with signage and interactive displays along with program development and research
• Assist in teaching and leading on campus free programming for public school students (spring only)
• Assist with teaching and leading summer camp classes (summer only)
• Work with a variety of animals that include small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and arthropods
• Fulfill project that is beneficial to the Zoo and is completed within time frame of internship

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have completed one year of a college degree program in biology, animal behavior, zoology, education, or other related field. Candidates must also have excellent communication skills, enjoy working with people of all ages, and be able to work in a team environment. They must be self-motivated, reliable, prompt, able to lift 50 pounds, and able to work in all weather conditions. Internships are experience-based and are therefore unpaid (housing is also not provided, however, nearby housing options are potentially available for a fee). It is required that an intern dedicates 24 hours per week over the course of three months, or 288 total hours (schedules may be flexible based on the candidate’s availability). Must have, or be willing to learn basic first-aid, and CPR. Negative TB test required. Ability work outdoors, lift heavy objects, and risk periodic exposure to fairly predictable and controllable hazards associated with wild animals and zoonotic diseases.

Dates are flexible. Currently recruiting for spring and summer semesters

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to:
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Applications considered on a rolling basis