



Title: Animal Care Intern
Category: Fulltime, seasonal, paid
Start Date: May 2023
End Date: September 2023
Reports To: Animal Curator
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Deadline to apply: February 1, 2023

General Function

- Responsible for assisting the Animal Care Team by completing tasks, covering educational talks, and helping with orphan care. This position is designed for the college student interested in working with wildlife, or for entry-level animal care professionals looking to gain more experience.
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Major Activities (Typical Duties/Responsibilities)

- Works days and hours assigned by Animal Curator; a full 40-hour week. The intern position is for 20 weeks (800 hours) with a minimum duration of 12 weeks (480 hours) available for the right candidate.
 - Assist keepers with husbandry tasks (diet prep, cleaning, feeding, watering, browsing)
 - Assists with daily wildlife encounters.
 - Helps cover daily programs and tours with the Education team; following program outlines and delivering meaningful presentations to connect with guests.
 - Covers WOW tours if assistance is needed from the Education Department
 - Acts as liaison with the public by courteously answering questions and enforcing feeding rules for the animals.
 - Fulfills the responsibilities of the position in a professional and appropriate manner
 - Other duties as assigned.
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Required Skills/Abilities

- Ability to work in a team environment to help achieve AWCC's goals and objectives.
- Effective communication skills, both written and oral.
- Must possess a positive and respectful attitude.
- Excellent customer services skills.
- Exceptional work ethic, attention to detail and time management skills.
- Abilities to lift 80#, bend, reach, stand, crawl, and work in a drastically changing weather environment
- Ability to compromise, listen, learn, understand, and follow instructions/directions.
- Ability to work directly with the public, providing information and assistance as needed.



Area Specifics/Housing

- FREE employee housing is available onsite in two separate housing units. Employee's utilizing the onsite housing must be willing to move easily between units to accommodate the needs of the AWCC.
 - Bunkhouse: Each room offers a single bed, linens, and towels. There are two shared bathrooms. A total of up to ten (10) employees may be living in the house at one time, there is a kitchen with kitchenware/utensils and a living room complete with lounge and TV/DVD capabilities.
 - Farmhouse: multiple beds per room, these are larger more spacious rooms than at the Bunkhouse. Farmhouse is equipped with the same amenities as mentioned above, one single bathroom for residents living in this unit. This unit is a shared space with permanent year-round staff; 2 dogs and 1 cat live with the year-round staff. As residents of the Farmhouse, you are likely to encounter the domestic pets that live there.
- WIFI is available for use in designated areas at AWCC. The housing units will require your own personal hotspot to use internet.
- With valid license/driving record; employees have access to AWCC vehicles for grocery trips
- Portage, AK is located 45 miles southeast of Anchorage; 10 miles from the local ski town of Girdwood. There are beautiful scenic mountains surrounding the AWCC, as well as the ocean, rivers, and glaciers. Seasonals and Interns alike should plan for a lot of time spent outdoors and bring gear to explore...in all kinds of weather!

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS (education, experience, skills)

- High School Diploma
- College coursework in related field: Biology, Wildlife/Zoological Sciences
- A positive attitude and strong work ethic.

EMPLOYEE PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____