



Title: Animal Care Intern
Category: Full-time, seasonal, paid @ \$11/hr.
Start Date: May 2024
End Date: September 2024
Reports To: Animal Curator
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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 40-hour week. The intern position is for up to 20 weeks (800 hours) with a minimum duration of 16 weeks (640 hours) available for the right candidate.
 - Assists keepers with husbandry tasks (diet prep, browse collection, habitat cleaning, feeding, watering, enriching).
 - Assists with daily wildlife encounter programs.
 - Helps cover daily programs and tours with the Education team; following program outlines and delivering meaningful presentations to connect with guests.
 - Acts as liaison with the public by courteously answering questions and enforcing guest rules and expectations.
 - 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.
- Ability 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. Employees utilizing the onsite housing must be willing to move easily between units to accommodate the needs of the AWCC.
 - Bunkhouse: Each room offers a bed, linens, and towels. Everyone will have at least one roommate. 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, everyone will have a roommate. The Farmhouse is equipped with the same amenities as mentioned above, with one single bathroom for residents living in this unit. The Farmhouse is a shared space with permanent year-round AWCC staff; 2 dogs and 1 cat live with the year-round staff. As residents of the Farmhouse, you will 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 ski town of Girdwood. There are beautiful scenic mountains surrounding the AWCC, as well as the ocean, rivers, and glaciers. Interns should plan for a lot of time spent outdoors and bring gear to explore...in all kinds of weather!
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PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS (education, experience, skills)

- High School Diploma/GED (*required*)
- Driver's license (*required*)
- College coursework in related field: Biology, Wildlife/Zoological Sciences
- A positive attitude and strong work ethic.
- Solid communication skills.
- Ability to live respectfully with coworkers.