

BINDER PARK ZOO

ANIMAL CARE INTERN

Mission Statement: Connect. Inspire. Conserve. Connect people with nature. Inspire them to conserve.

REPORTS TO: Intern Coordinators

SEASONAL/NON-SEASONAL: Seasonal, as scheduled, and unpaid

POSITION SUMMARY:

This experience-based opportunity gives interns hands-on skills assisting staff in the daily care of animals and exhibits, record keeping, and interacting with zoo guests. The Animal Care Internship is an unpaid position that offers college credit based on your college or institution's requirements.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have completed one-year of college.
• Pursuing a major in zoology, biology, animal husbandry, or other animal related program.
• Excellent oral and written communication skills.
• Proof of negative TB test within one year and proof of tetanus shot within five years.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Perform outdoor tasks including the daily feeding and care of domestic and exotic animals and the cleaning and maintenance of animal exhibits.
• Maintain accurate records.
• Communicate effectively using a hand held radio as needed.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Comply with all Binder Park Zoo policies and procedures.
• Participate in team oriented zoo projects as needed.
• May be exposed to hazardous materials.
• Relate positively with diverse groups of people (guests, staff and volunteers).

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: N/A

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to be available for shifts on a flexible schedule that may be long hours, weekends, evenings and holidays.
• Ability to read, speak and write English in order to fulfill job functions in an understandable way.
• Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.
• Ability to complete tasks outdoors in all weather conditions and in a physically demanding environment.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE:

I have received a copy of the Animal Care Intern position responsibilities. I have read the requirements as outlined and understand this is not an exhaustive list of duties, but an overview of the general duties and responsibilities of the position.
Signature Print Name Date

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