

ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIP

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The intern will work closely with the Park Naturalist staff on the development and implementation of a care plan regarding the live animals at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. Duties will include maintaining the live animal displays, feeding and caring for the animals, designing displays and signage around in coordination with the live and mounted animals in the Visitor's Center; Performs related duties as assigned or required.

STATEMENT OF TASKS:

Feeding and caring for live animals.
Maintain the live and mounted animal displays.
Discuss exhibits with visitors to the facility.
Research and work on grant opportunities.

The above is intended to be illustrative of the many duties that may be assigned, but should not be interpreted to describe all of the duties an intern may be required to perform.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Basic knowledge of native animal and animal care.
Basic knowledge and strong interest in the natural sciences.
Ability to speak in front of groups.
Ability to maintain good interpersonal relationships.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be high school graduates. Special attention will be given to applicants that are current or recent university/college students with primary study areas including recreation, interpretation, environmental science, biology, zoology, fisheries and wildlife management, veterinary medicine or related fields.

REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid driver's license.
Must be willing to work weekends, holidays and irregular hours as scheduled and/or directed.
May be required to wear a prescribed work uniform.
Must be courteous in dealing with the general public and co-workers.
Must be willing to commit to a minimum of 200hrs.

This is an unpaid internship; however, we will work with students and schools to establish the possibility of college credit.

For more information, please contact:

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