

Position Description



Title: **Wildlife Intern**

Division: Wildlife

Classification: Seasonal – May thru September, Part Time or Full time (24-40 hours/week). The Museum will work with your school schedule to determine a start date. There is no stipend included in this internship. The Museum encourages Interns to obtain college credit for their internships.

Reports To: Associate Curator of Wildlife

Supervises: N/A

Application Deadline: February 28, 2017

High Desert Museum – Organization Description

The High Desert Museum is a non-profit organization focused on the biotic and cultural elements of the High Desert region of the Western United States. Located near Bend, Oregon, on the edge of the beautiful Deschutes National Forest, the Museum melds the natural history of diverse habitat types with human history of the environment into a unique blend of indoor and outdoor exhibits, living history and both living and historic collections.

Job Summary – Wildlife Intern

This is a unique opportunity to work alongside staff and gain valuable on-the-job experience. This internship is designed to train candidates in both captive wildlife husbandry and public interpretation of natural history relating to high desert flora and fauna.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Career track in environmental education, wildlife biology, or animal training. Currently enrolled or recently graduated from an accredited college or university
- Have a minimum of one year of coursework in a biological science
- Ability to perform physical tasks including, but not limited to, lifting 50 pounds, carrying, stooping, bending, extensive walking, crawling, or climbing and withstand working outside in the extreme weather conditions typical of Central Oregon
- Commit to a set work schedule
- Ability to work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, some evenings, and early mornings
- Comply with all Museum policies, procedures, and safety regulations

Successful interns will gain valuable experience in:

- Natural History interpretation during daily programs including a free-flight raptor program and encounters with mammals and reptiles of the High Desert
- Diet preparation, feeding, and enrichment
- Exhibit cleaning and maintenance
- Management of a living collection including reptiles, amphibians, birds of prey and mammals

In return, the intern makes a significant contribution to the High Desert Museum's Wildlife Department, and will be supported in any projects required for credit at his/her university, and gain references to further their career in the animal field.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, résumé and three references (employment and/or academic) to:

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