

Position Description

Title: **Wildlife Programs Intern**

Division: Wildlife

Classification: Seasonal – May through 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 Curators of Wildlife

Supervises: N/A

Application Deadline: March 31, 2020

[High Desert Museum – Organization Description](#)

The High Desert Museum is a non-profit organization focused on the natural 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 historical collections.

[Job Summary – Wildlife Intern](#)

A unique opportunity to work alongside wildlife staff and gain valuable on-the-job experience, this internship is designed to provide candidates with public speaking and presentation skills through interpretation of native High Desert wildlife. Interns also assist with animal husbandry and may have the opportunity to learn basic wildlife handling skills.

[Required Qualifications](#)

- Career track in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental education, or animal husbandry.
- Enrolled or recently graduated from an accredited college or university.
- Have a minimum of one year of coursework in a biological science.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Desire to learn public speaking and presentation.
- Willingness to work with a variety of animals including but not limited to birds, snakes, lizards, and mammals.
- 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.

- Ability to 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.

Responsibilities and Tasks

- Staffs museum interpretive carts in public wildlife areas
- Delivers scheduled daily talks about wildlife including but not limited to raptors, reptiles, native fish species, wild horses, and mammals.
- Cleans animal enclosures as directed by Associate Curator of Wildlife.
- Prepares diets for animals including processing raw meat for carnivores.
- Groundskeeping including raking, sweeping, pulling weeds, etc.
- Assists with live animal presentations including Bird of Prey talks, Desert Dwellers, and Raptors of the Desert Sky.

Successful interns will gain a better understanding of wildlife biology and valuable skills in:

- Education and outreach
- Public speaking
- Natural History interpretation
- Zookeeping and animal husbandry
- Diet preparation, feeding, and enrichment of wildlife
- Exhibit cleaning and maintenance

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.

The High Desert Museum is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resumé and two references (employment and/or academic) attention Human Resources to:

jobs@highdesertmuseum.org

<http://highdesertmuseum.org/job-opportunities>

Mission

To explore the High Desert's unique landscape, cultures, wildlife, history and arts, connecting our visitors to the past and helping them discover their role in the present and responsibility to the future.