

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

WILDLIFE and LIVING HISTORY

## Position Description

Title: **Seasonal Wildlife Specialist**  
Classification: Seasonal, hourly, full-time  
Reports To: Curator of Wildlife  
Supervises: Associated volunteers and interns

### 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 – Seasonal Wildlife Specialist

The Seasonal Wildlife Specialist's daily responsibilities include husbandry and care of wildlife in the living collection, as well as assisting with presentation of conservation programs which include live mammals, reptiles, and free-flight raptors. **The position runs through approximately**

**September 28, 2020.**

**Commented [JN1]:** We are not sure at this point when the season will end

### Required Qualifications

- Two years of college in a biological science and 6 months of practical experience in the care and husbandry of exotic/wild animals, OR any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities
- Ability to deliver daily interpretive talks to public audiences
- Understanding of animal training and operant conditioning
- Understanding of enrichment
- Experience in public speaking, shows or presentations
- 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
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work with volunteers
- Ability to work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, some evenings, early mornings, and occasional overtime

### Responsibilities and Tasks

1. Daily husbandry of animal collection which may include but is not limited to diet prep including the processing of whole animal diets, enrichment, hosing, scrubbing, sweeping, raking, etc.
2. General maintenance and upkeep of animal holding areas and/or exhibits
3. Learns and delivers daily interpretive talks to public audiences
4. Assist in presentation of animal encounters and programs several times each day
5. Data entry for daily animal records
6. Maintain and clean service areas
7. Comply with all Museum policies, procedures, and safety regulations
8. Perform other tasks and duties as assigned by immediate supervisor

The successful applicant will be an outgoing, friendly, team player and must be detailed-oriented while handling multiple projects and deadlines. They must have a high degree of energy and enthusiasm for a visitor-service oriented organization. The position requires some evenings and weekends, working inside and outside, and handling animals.

Please send resume and cover letter to the High Desert Museum, attention Human Resources.

[jobs@highdesertmuseum.org](mailto:jobs@highdesertmuseum.org)

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

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.

**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.