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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Wildlife Technician Internship

The MacKenzie Center, just 25 miles north of Madison, is a diverse environmental education and outdoor skills center with a remarkable conservation history. With interpretive trails, exhibits, museums and programming available for school and youth groups, MacKenzie is a wonderful place to visit and learn about the natural world. Work directly with wildlife staff to care for the 17 different species of non-releasable native Wisconsin wild animals.

Position Summary:

This part time position is responsible for duties associated with the care of live wild animals. The wildlife area is a teaching tool for our visiting schools, groups and individuals. Caring for animals directly influences the quality and quantity of education programs offered at MacKenzie. This position works under the immediate direction of the wildlife team leader and is supervised by the MacKenzie Center Director. This position represents and supports the rules, policies, missions, and practices of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Intern Duties:

- Prepare and deliver natural diets and enrichment, monitor health and well-being of all animals
- Assist staff with animal handling and restraint for veterinary and transport purposes
- Clean habitats, and grounds-keeping/routine maintenance of wildlife area
- Assist with special projects and complete an individual project

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older to apply
- Experience caring for animals and working outdoors
- Positive attitude, initiative, emotional maturity, responsible, observation skills and attention to detail
- Physical activity; walking on varied terrain, bending, squatting, reaching, and carrying materials

Compensation:

- This is an unpaid internship and housing is not provided
- Gain experience with and knowledge of 17 different species of non-releasable native Wisconsin wild animals
- Analyze and develop professional skills through evaluation and mentor relationships with professional staff

Time Commitment:

- Approximately 24 hours per week for 12 weeks, from late May through late August
- Weekday and weekend hours required

How to apply:

- Please submit cover letter, resume, and references to dnrmackenziecenter@wisconsin.gov
Subject line: 2017 Summer Internship - WILDLIFE
- Include animal care experience in letter
- Applications deadline: March 1, 2017
- Qualified applicants will be contacted for a March interview date

Fall and winter internships are also available. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing equal employment opportunity to all job applicants and employees. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.