



Wildlife Education Internship (Paid)

The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC) is a full-service wildlife hospital & rehabilitation facility that provides 60-100 education programs a year to all ages, reaching over 4,000 children & adults, covering topics from natural history of native wildlife to conservation issues. The BRWC is looking for students interested in helping staff develop & lead education programs during the summer months.

Learning Opportunities Include: Native wildlife identification & handling techniques, nutrition, husbandry, natural history of our education Ambassador species; development of existing & potential educational programming; discussions on the use, care, & training of Ambassador animals in educational programming.

Intern Expectations and Responsibilities:

Full or part-time summer internship opportunities are available. Full-time interns work 40+ hours/week; part-time interns work 30+ hours/week. Housing may be available for full-time interns that live outside a 50 mile radius from the Center. Internships run from **May through August**, & interns must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends & holidays.

Interns will receive a stipend as follows:

Full-time, no housing - \$200/week. Full-time w/ housing - \$100/week. Part-time - \$100/week.

Interns will have several areas of responsibility including:

- Cleaning and maintaining caging for BRWC's resident Animal Ambassadors.
- Assisting staff at educational programming.
- Assisting staff in the development of lesson plans & education programs including pre-K through middle school topics, summer camp activities & lessons, & adult & family programs held at the BRWC.
- Recording pertinent information about past & present programs in Excel.
- Preparation of wild animal artifacts (biofacts)
- Organization of current education materials & research into new materials to enhance BRWC's education department.

This work can be physically demanding & fast-paced. Interns must be in good physical condition & able to work outdoors during hot weather conditions. Interns wishing to work with mammals must have proof of pre-rabies vaccine or titer in the last 2 years. All interns must be fully Covid-19 vaccinated before their start date.

Application Procedure: Please send a resume & cover letter by April 1st to:

BRWC Staff
info@blueridgewildlifectr.org
Blue Ridge Wildlife Center
106 Island Farm Ln
Boyce, VA 22620

Please indicate in your cover letter if you are interested in the full or part-time internship, if you will require housing, and if you are, or plan to be, rabies vaccinated. Please also note in your cover letter that you are applying for the Wildlife Education Intern position.