



BLUE RIDGE Wildlife Center

Wildlife Education Internship

The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC) is a full-service wildlife hospital and rehabilitation facility that provides between 60 and 100 education programs a year to all ages, reaching over 4,000 children and adults, covering topics from natural history of native wildlife to conservation issues. The BRWC is looking for students interested in helping staff develop and lead education programs during the summer months. There will also be limited opportunity to observe and get hands-on experience with the rehabilitation process.

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

Intern Expectations and Responsibilities:

Full- or part-time summer internship opportunities are available. Full-time interns work 50+ hours/week; part-time interns work 30+ hours/week. Housing MAY be available for full-time interns. Internships run from **May through August**, and interns must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings, and holidays. Interns will have several areas of responsibility including:

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

Application Procedure: Please send a resume, cover letter, and 2 letters of recommendation by April 1st to

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Please indicate in your cover letter if you are interested in the full- or part-time internship AND if you will require housing. Interns wishing to work with rabies-vector species MUST have proof of the pre-rabies vaccine or a titer within the last 2 years before working with these species.

Please indicate in your cover letter 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.