



Interested in helping wildlife?

Wildlife Rehabilitation Interns, Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC) is a wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center located in Boyce, Virginia, caring for 1,900 native mammals, birds, and reptiles annually. The care and feeding of so many animals requires a great deal of time and attention. The BRWC provides qualified students the opportunity to get hands-on experience assisting with the care and feeding of these animals.

Learning opportunities include: Native wildlife species identification and handling techniques, nutrition and husbandry of native wild species, rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife, knowledge of wildlife diseases and toxins.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Intern: Full-time and part-time summer internship opportunities are available. Full-time interns work 50+ hrs/week. Part-time interns will work 30+ hrs/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:

- Hand-feeding young orphan birds and mammals, using a variety of techniques.
- Cleaning and maintaining caging for a wide variety of wildlife species (mammals, birds, reptiles).
- Preparing diets for a wide variety of species
- Admitting new patients: filling out intake records and examining new patients, and setting up housing following protocols set forth by the BRWC Staff.
- Keeping records on all patients and entering data into our computer database.
- Learning how to recognize signs of illness in young birds and mammals and to notify BRWC Staff.
- Assisting staff with wildlife rescues and releases as needed.

This work is physically demanding and fast paced. Interns must be in good physical condition and able to work outdoors during hot weather conditions.

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

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

Please indicate in cover letter if you are interested in the full-time OR part-time internship AND if you require housing.

NOTE: If an intern wishes to work with rabies vector species (foxes, raccoons, skunks, bats) the intern MUST have the rabies vaccine and proof of titer before working with these animals. Please indicate in cover letter if you are rabies vaccinated.