



Education Intern OR Education & Animal Husbandry Intern

This internship is geared towards individuals interested in environmental education, working with children, and/or learning to care for and handle ambassador animals. Interns will work closely with NEW Zoo volunteers and the Education Programs Coordinator to gain valuable, hands-on experience in a variety of areas, including: Program & curricula development; Program implementation; Small animal handling & presentation; Visitor interactions; Discovery Cart and exhibit interpretation; Clerical & organizational tasks; Zookeeping and husbandry tasks for interested individuals; Other skills, as needed.

Days and hours are flexible, but ideal candidate would work 6 to 15 hours per week, with at least one weekend (Saturday or Sunday) date for teaching/leading programs; schedule is negotiable. Minimum of one full semester commitment required; students who commit to more than one semester will have additional opportunities for growth open to them. Position is unpaid.

Duties include:

- Leading educational programs, tours, and encounters
- Exhibit chats and exhibit interpretation
- Clerical and administrative support
- OPTIONAL: Zookeeping and husbandry assistance for interested Interns

Qualifications:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Enthusiasm about education and working with children
- Willingness to do public presentations in an animated, enthusiastic fashion is a necessity
- Willingness to handle ambassador animals (snakes, lizards, rabbits, turtles, etc.) in front of public during presentations
- Multi-tasking
- Must be reliable, prompt, and detail-oriented
- Must be able to work in all weather conditions

Benefits:

- Letters of recommendation can be provided upon successful completion of internship
- Students will gain experience leading a variety of programs for a variety of audiences
- Students will gain experience working with a variety of commonly-used program animals
- OPTIONAL: Interested individuals will gain valuable “zookeeping” experience at an AZA Accredited facility