
Animal Care

Idle-Hour Ranch Internship Program

Summary:

This program is designed to offer interns the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, basic skills, and hands-on experience working with an animal sanctuary and agritainment based facility. Particularly useful for students planning to apply to vet school or looking to pursue a career in animal husbandry, conservation, or the animal care field.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the maintenance, cleaning, and overall improvement of the animal holding areas, exhibits, pools and ponds, exhibit buildings, and grounds associated with exhibits including roads and paths within the perimeter fence of the animal areas. Service may also be required on exhibits and with animals during offsite events.
- Assist in the preparation of animal diets.
- Assist in the watering and feeding of animals.
- Assist in providing enrichment for the animals.
- Conduct visual, & when appropriate, physical, inspections of animals & exhibits.
- Assist IHR staff in various areas while going about their daily routines.
- Assist farriers and veterinarians when needed, as well as work with animal care staff as they administer treatments and rehab to the animals as necessary.
- When appropriate, be responsive to visitor inquiries.

Requirements

- 18 years or older
- Negative TB test results (from 9 months or less prior to internship)
- Proof of Tetanus vaccination within past 5 years
- Be able to work a minimum of 6 hours at a time
- Strong oral and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to follow all instructions, verbal and written
- Adhere to ethical and confidential codes
- Ability to kneel, crawl, climb, etc. and ability to lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- Ability to do physical labor and walk on uneven surfaces including stairs
- Ability to sit or stand for more than 30 minutes at a time
- Ability to conduct visual inspections of animals and exhibit areas
- No allergies that will interfere with working around animals or outdoors
- An appreciation for informal, lifelong learning in agreement with Idle-Hour Ranch's mission and commitment to education and conservation

Candidates

IHR is looking for hard working interns that desire hands-on experience working with both domestic and exotic animals. The applicant must be dependable, detail-oriented, and high energy. Preferred candidates demonstrate strong interest in promoting animal welfare, appreciate the need for conservation, have basic biological knowledge, the ability to work as part of a team, strong communication and interpersonal skills, and are able to do physical work. Interns will need steel toed boots, work gloves, sunscreen, appropriate IHR dress code and a positive attitude. Please note that direct handling of animals may not be permitted. This internship focuses on proper care of animals and safe interactions.

Availability: Limited

Currently Summer & Fall Semesters only

Time Commitment:

Minimum of 24 hours per week

During standard business hours

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10:00a – 7:00p

Select weekday hours may be available

To Apply:

Summer Semester 2015

- April 2 – applications due
- April 26 – students notified
- May 24 – semester begins
- August 31 – semester ends

Fall Semester 2015

- July 4 – applications due
- July 26 – students notified
- August 23 – semester begins
- November 30 – semester ends

Send completed application packet to:

Idle-Hour Ranch Internship

4845 Fenner Rd.

Troy, OH 45373

Application Packet:

- Resume**
- Letter of Recommendation** – from your advisor, professor, or university
- Requirements for Credit** – If you are seeking credit please include a copy of the requirements for credit, and a letter from your advisor verifying that you will be receiving credit
- Signed Release**
- Signed Disclaimer**
- Negative TB test results** (performed within 9 months of internship start date)
- Proof of Tetanus vaccination** (from within the past 5 years)
- Essay** – A one page essay answering the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in this internship?
 - What are your expectations for this internship?
 - What makes you qualified for this internship?
 - What skills can you bring to IHR?

Direct questions to: Brittany Michelle at
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