

Winter Animal Care Internship

Description:

Living Coast Discovery Center is currently seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals interested in a career in animal care to participate in a part-time, unpaid winter internship program.

LCDC has a diverse collection of avian and aquatic species including a variety of birds of prey (eagles, owls, falcons, hawks), shorebirds, and local marine species ranging from seahorses to sharks. LCDC also is home to a variety of reptiles such as snakes, tortoises, and an iguana.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: daily care and feeding of animals, cleaning and maintenance of animal habitats and tanks, behavioral observations, record keeping, diet preparation, animal enrichment, interactions with visitors, and public speaking (delivering presentations and talks).

Required Qualifications:

- Able to work in a team environment
- Comfortable with public speaking and providing customer service
- Able to lift 50 lbs and be able to perform physical tasks such as standing, walking, bending, and lifting
- Be comfortable handling deceased animals such as fish, mice and rats
- Able to work in outdoor conditions including sun, rain, wind, and heat
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of animal care
- Help with any tasks requested by the supervisor with a positive attitude

Desired Qualifications:

- Some previous animal care experience (can include caring for pets)
- Focus of study in biology, zoology, conservation, or other natural sciences
- Some knowledge of local bird species and wetland ecosystems

Commitment:

- Winter internship will run for 12 weeks starting in mid to late January, start date is yet to be determined.
- Interns will spend 6 weeks working with birds and 6 weeks working with aquatics
- Shifts will be either half day (4 hours) or full day (7 hours) shifts, with flexible days to accommodate school schedules.
- Applicants must be able to commit to 15-20 hours per week, for 12 weeks (2-3 shifts)
- Interns will be responsible for one project that they will be able to work on over the course of the internship, and will participate in other professional learning activities.

How to Apply:

Please send your resume and a short paragraph stating why you are interested in the position to:

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Due to the high volume of applicants, we will only be able to contact those we are interested in interviewing.