

Norman Bird Sanctuary Animal Care Intern

Animal Care Program Description

Overview:

The animal care program at the Norman Bird Sanctuary is a division of the education department, and is responsible for the general care of the diverse array of education animals housed on site. We have three general areas in which animals and supplies are housed, the mammal room, the animal care room, and the chicken coop.

The animal care program is coordinated by Matthew Schenck the education assistant at the Norman Bird Sanctuary.

Position Description:

The animal care internship at The Norman Bird Sanctuary is an opportunity for individuals to gain experience in the general care of captive education animals. Interns will be responsible for the general duties of animal care for four to ten a week, on a volunteer bases. Duties include; feeding, cleaning, and providing enrichment opportunities for the education animals at the Norman Bird Sanctuary. Applicants should be willing to handle captive animals, including but not limited to; snakes, aquatic and terrestrial turtles, lizards, rabbits, and rats. The raptor program at The Norman Bird Sanctuary is separate from the general animal care program, and is not included in this internship.

Objectives: Animal Care Intern(s) will...

- Gain experience in the general care of captive educational animals including but not limited to; feeding, cleaning, handling, and providing enrichment.
- Learn to work independently without constant direct supervision.

Duties: Animal care interns are responsible for...

- Feeding all of the Norman Bird Sanctuary's education animals
- Cleaning enclosures based on schedules or needs
- Providing enrichment opportunities for the animals
- Keeping record of tasks completed within the animal care program
- Observing and keeping records of animal behaviors
- Inventory of animal care supplies for ordering
- Keeping the animal care areas clean and tidy

Qualifications: Applicants to the animal care internship should...

- Be comfortable learning to handle all of the animals included in the program
- Be comfortable working independently once training is completed
- Be available to volunteer on a consistent basis

Availability: Animal Care internships are available seasonally with three to four positions each season depending on need. Seasons are as follows **Fall: Sept-Dec, Spring: Feb-May and Summer: May-Aug.**

To Apply: Send a cover letter explaining your interest in the program to Matthew Schenck Education Assistant at mschenck@normanbirdsantuary.org