Unpaid Internship/Conservation & Science Unpaid Intern

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Location:
Phoenix Zoo

Arizona Center for Nature Conservation
The Phoenix Zoo

Job Description

**Job Title:** Conservation & Science Internship  
**Department:** Conservation and Science Department  
**Supervisor:** Conservation Manager  
**Supervises:** None  
**FLSA Status:** Not Applicable – Four-month unpaid Internship  
**Grade:** Not Applicable – Unpaid Internship

**General Statement:**
This is an unpaid four-month internship assignment offered by the Conservation and Science Department at the Phoenix Zoo. The Intern in this position will be responsible for learning all aspects of the Species Conservation Programs in place including animal husbandry, visitor education, field conservation activities and applied research.

**Essential Duties:**

- Provide quality guest service to both internal and external guests by maintaining a WILD (friendly, helpful, positive and professional) working attitude and appearance.
- Learn routine husbandry practices by feeding prescribed diets, monitoring and reporting diet consumption consistent with documented Standard Operating Procedures; observe and report
any health or behavioral abnormalities of specimens; assist in handling, restrain and treatment of animals, under appropriate supervision.

- Participate in appropriate field conservation activities as assigned (i.e. transport, introductions, field project animal re-introduction, and off-site meetings).
- Interact with both volunteers and Programs staff to support designated public experiences and other communication activities and conduct at least one presentation about research, fieldwork or husbandry

This is by no means an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, skills, duties, requirements, efforts, or working conditions associated with the job. Management reserves the right to revise the job or to require that other or different tasks be performed when circumstances change (e.g. emergencies, changes in personnel, workload, rush jobs, or technological developments.)

**Qualifications:**

- High school diploma required.
- Conservation Biology or life science degree track preferred.
- Basic understanding of animal care and experience with animal husbandry preferred.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Able to bend, stoop, crawl and walk on uneven surfaces.
- Ability to work in extreme weather conditions.
- Possession of a valid driver’s license.
- Ability to pass background check, MVR and clear TB test.