

Title: Carnivore Internship

Description:

Carnivore Interns will rotate through both the runs within our carnivore collection. Interns will work with all publically displayed carnivores in our collection at that time. Animals will be strict carnivores like cheetah, as well as omnivores, like our bears. Interns will assist with enrichment activities, observe training, learn about routine record keeping. Other duties will include providing routine animal observation; reporting any concerns to the keepers on duty; and other tasks as assigned.

Interns will be expected and required to interact with a diverse team of animal programs staff, interns, volunteers and guests. Interns will be expected to follow the directions of paid staff for their personal safety and safety/care of all animals. Must have a sincere interest in the particular field where the intern desires placement. Interns will be expected to work irregular schedules including weekends and holidays if applicable during placement. This internship is a physically demanding experience and will require intermediate levels of strength and flexibility as well as the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Uniform shirts will be provided to all interns upon start of internship.

Responsibilities

- ❖ Animal Care: daily husbandry, exhibit maintenance, animal observations, observing animal training, and diet/enrichment preparation
- ❖ Interns may work with cheetahs, hyenas, tigers, bears, coyote, fosa, leopards and honey badger.
- ❖ Interactions: informal interactions with Zoo guests
- ❖ Project: All interns are required to complete either an observation based research project or other deliverable as determined by internship area and mentor
- ❖ Journal: All interns must complete daily journal entries which are turned in and reviewed monthly.
- ❖ Research: Become familiar with Species Survival Plans (SSP), as well as natural history, current research and conservation studies related to animals in area of internship
- ❖ Other related duties as assigned

Requirements

- ❖ Minimum 1 year of college with 2.5/4.0 overall GPA.
- ❖ Prior animal care experience is required of any applicants.
- ❖ Proof of recent tetanus shot (within last 5 years) and negative TB test (within last year) required **PRIOR** to start date. All tests/vaccinations are at the applicant's expense.
- ❖ Must submit to drug testing prior to start of internship and prove clear throughout internship
- ❖ Ability to lift up to 50 pounds

Notes

Interns will be evaluated regularly on performance and knowledge.

Naples Zoo reserves the right to dismiss an individual from the keeper internship at any point during the internship.

Wages All Naples Zoo Internships are Unpaid