

Informal Education and Animal Care Internship

Primary Responsibilities:

Programming and Teaching

- Research, create, and teach an interpretive program
- Assist in preparing for, shadow, and co-teach programs such as Safari Squad, ZooMobile, Field Trip Experiences, and Camp WILD
- Attend and contribute to meetings with Education Team
- Handle and present education animals for multiple programs

Animal Care

- Complete daily husbandry tasks (feeding, cleaning, medications as needed, etc.)
- Provide daily enrichment for animals
- Learn to properly handle, transport, and/or present education animals
- Potential to participate in training of animals

Requirements:

- Has a minimum of one year of college with a 2.5/4.0 overall GPA
- Can work at least 20-24 hours per week, potentially on weekends and holidays
- Passes a comprehensive background check and drug test, and proves clear throughout the internship
- Has proof of recent tetanus shot (within last 5 years) and negative TB test (within last year), or can obtain them prior to the start of the internship

An Ideal Candidate:

- Has a strong interest in or previous experience caring for animals and/or working with children
- Has customer service and/or public speaking experience
- Is willing to learn about lesson plans and utilizing a variety of education practices
- Believes that zoos are a place for conservation, education, and recreation
- Can work outdoors in the south Florida climate
- Can lift up to 50 pounds

Please note that all Naples Zoo internships are unpaid; using internships for college credit is encouraged.

How to Apply:

Download and complete the Internship Application, found at: <http://www.napleszoo.org/internship>

Submit application with a resume and cover letter.

- Email scanned application and documents to volunteer@napleszoo.org
- Or mail a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Naples Zoo Attn: Internships 1590 Goodlette-Frank Rd Naples, FL 34102



Project

Project is the intern's choice, but should expect to either:

- Enhance the lives of the education program animals (enrichment, habitat redesign, training, etc.)
- Enhance educational programming (begin to develop additional programs, implement new educational or interpretive methods, etc.)

Continuing Education/Journal

- Complete online learning modules
- Attend a minimum of five hours of continuing education (on-site classes or potential off-site opportunities)
- Maintain a journal record of the internship