Animal Encounters – Animal Keeper Internship

THE ORGANIZATION: Lindsay Wildlife Experience, a natural history, environmental education and wildlife rehabilitation center located in Walnut Creek, California, connects people with wildlife to inspire responsibility and respect for the world we share. We house a wildlife rehabilitation hospital, a collection of live, native California animals and changing art and natural history exhibits.

THE POSITION: This position requires a self-motivated, flexible, and responsible individual capable of assisting with the daily operations of the Animal Encounters (AE) department with emphasis in animal husbandry. Must be in good physical condition – activities include/require lifting, bending, twisting, stooping, carrying and extensive standing/walking. The animal keeper intern will report to AE staff.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Assist with daily care and maintenance of the live collection
• Assist with the daily facility maintenance
• Stock and prepare food
• Work with a variety of animals within the guidelines of the department

QUALIFICATIONS:
• Must be 18 years or older
• Ability to work well with staff and volunteers
• Ability to lift 50 lb and move 100 lb. This is a physical job – must have a willingness to work with some physical risk while observing proper safety procedures.

HOURS, BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION: Unpaid internship. Minimum 280 hours. 8 hour shifts. Minimum 16 hours/week, including weekends

TO APPLY: Send cover letter, résumé, intern application, and three references to:
Lauren Amy, Lead Animal Keeper
Lindsay Wildlife Experience
1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94597
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POSITION AVAILABLE: Limited intern positions are available for each summer, fall, or spring sessions. Start and end dates are flexible. Selection is determined by application and interview.
Summer: June – Sept
Fall: Oct – Jan
Spring: Feb – May

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