



## **Education - Wildlife Education Internship (16 hours/week; Temporary Position)**

### The Organization:

Located in the heart of Walnut Creek, California, Lindsay Wildlife Experience houses a wildlife rehabilitation hospital, a collection of live native California animals and natural history exhibits. Lindsay Wildlife Experience's mission is to "connect people with wildlife to inspire responsibility and respect for the world we share".

### The Position:

This internship is an educational and public programming oriented position that involves public speaking and animal handling. It offers a unique opportunity to learn about native California wildlife with Lindsay's collection of non-releasable birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates to convey conservation messaging through educational programming and public engagement. This position requires a self-motivated, flexible, and responsible individual capable of supporting the daily operations of the Education Department.

### Hours, Benefits, and Compensation:

This unpaid internship requires the intern to commit a minimum of 12 weeks (this may be extended based on interest and availability), 2 days per week from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. including weekends. Day lengths can vary, ranging from 6-8 hrs/days (hours can be flexible depending on the day). Interns are required to fulfill at least 24 full days or a minimum of 150 service hours to complete this internship.

This is an in-person unpaid internship. Applicants must have a reliable method of transportation. Housing is not provided.

### Tasks will include:

- Ensuring that the exhibit hall is well maintained on a daily basis for programs to occur.
- Assisting and delivering exhibit hall educational programs in a way that is engaging, informative, safe, and of the highest quality.
- Carrying out animal handling training to ensure that animals are being handled safely for educational programs.
- Occasionally attending off-site outreach education programs and events.
- Assist in delivering educational school programs such as field trips, Lindsay in the classrooms, and virtual school programs.
- Providing exemplary customer service to program participants, museum staff, and volunteers.
- Assisting with program implementation, including supporting educators in teaching and leading program activities across disciplines and media.
- Assisting with preparing program supplies and spaces for summer programs.
- Conducting research that supports program development, culturally relevant teaching practices, and audience development.
- Developing an internship project by creating or enhancing educational materials at Lindsay Wildlife Experience.

### Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older to apply.
- College students or recent graduates in education, museum studies, biology, zoology, or related fields are preferred.
- Passing a background check.
- Ability to work well with staff and volunteers.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively (verbally and in writing) with staff, volunteers and visitors.
- Tolerance of strong odors, dust, hay, animal fur/hair/dander.

### Positions Available:

Limited intern positions are available for each session. Start and end dates are flexible. Each session will last at least 12 weeks. Selection is determined by application and interview.

- Currently accepting applications for the Spring (February - May)

### How to apply:

- Submit a [Wildlife Educator Intern Application](#)
- Send the following to the Education Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Woods, at [ewoods@lindsaywildlife.org](mailto:ewoods@lindsaywildlife.org)
  - Résumé
  - Cover letter (explaining goals and how this internship will help achieve those goals; relevant skills, activities, experience and/or classes)