



Education - Wildlife Education Internship (16 hours/week: 12 weeks, 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
- Must provide proof of COVID vaccination, or be granted an Exception or Deferral
- College students or recent graduates in education, museum studies, biology, zoology, or related fields are preferred, but not required
- 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.

How to apply:

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