Wildlife Education - School Programs Internship

(Unpaid; 6-12 hours/week: 3-4 months, 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 unpaid 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 programing and public engagement. This position requires a self-motivated, flexible, and responsible individual capable of supporting the daily operations of the Education Department, specifically focused on the department's onsite school programs.

Hours, Benefits, and Compensation:

This unpaid internship requires the intern to commit a minimum of 10 weeks (this may be extended based on interest and availability). This internship requires at least one shift commitment per week from 9:00am to 3:30pm. More weekly shifts may be arranged as requested. Interns are required to fulfill a minimum of 60 hours or 30 school programs as well as a project 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 school program supplies are clean and prepared for school programs.
- Assisting and delivering field trip programs in a way that is engaging, informative, safe, and of the highest quality.
- Complete animal handling training to ensure that animals are being handled safely for educational programs.
- Occasionally attending off-site school and outreach 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.
- 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, environmental science or related fields are preferred, but not required.
- Passing a background check.
- Ability to work well with staff and volunteers, as well as interact with museum members and guests.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively (verbally and in writing) with staff, volunteers and patrons.
- 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 10 weeks. Selection is determined by application and interview.

How to apply:

- Submit a Wildlife Education - School Programs Intern Application
- After submitting the form, please send your resume to the Education Registrar, Melanie Junnila, at registrar@lindsaywildlife.org.
    - Please note that your application is not considered complete until you email your resume.