

## **Summer 2012 Internship**

- POSITION:** **Wildlife Resource Center Intern**
- DEPARTMENT:** **Wildlife Resource Center**
- DISCIPLINES:** **Biology, Zoology, Environmental education**
- JOB DESCRIPTION:** Assist in the care of the resident raptors, reptiles, feeder colonies, and rehabilitating wildlife species of conservation concern. Assist with the propagation and rearing of turtles. Contribute to environmental education programs and the development of program materials. Assist with cage maintenance and repair. Respond to wildlife related inquiries from the general public.
- EDUCATIONAL VALUE:** Intern gains an understanding of the requirements necessary for caring for wildlife in captive environments and delivering environmental education programs. Intern has the opportunity to learn about overall Conservation District operations through daylong experiences with other departments such as Planning & Development, Natural Resource Management, Police, Education, Communications, and/or Land & Facilities.
- QUALIFICATIONS & WORKING CONDITIONS** College student or beginning professional in biology, environmental education, or related field. Possess current, valid driver's license. Involves work both inside and outside in all weather conditions. Work involves lifting up to 50 lbs, walking, standing, sitting, and climbing stairs. Requires a sighted individual (vision corrected to 20/20) to assist with care of animals and programs, and with normal hearing (corrected to within normal audible range) for interacting with employees and public. Possible work hazards include working in close proximity with birds of prey, rodents, and reptiles; as well as using chemicals (e.g. disinfectants).
- SCHEDULE:** Mid/late May through mid/late August; 40 hour work week, some weekend work required. Twelve week duration.
- STIPEND & BENEFITS:** \$8.25/hour. College credit as approved by applicant's institution and advisor. Housing available on a first-come basis, at \$50/week. Intern utilizing housing needs to provide own vehicle to report to work site.
- APPLICATION:** Send cover letter, resume, dates of availability, (unofficial) transcript, and 3 references. Evaluation of applications begins as they are received so early application is encouraged. Applications accepted until 4/30/12. Send to:

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