

Position: Wildlife Intern, Summer Camp, Education Department

Employment Status: Part-Time*, Hourly, \$12.50 per hour, Seasonal Internship: May 20-August 9, 2024

Job Summary:

HMNS has earned the reputation of Houston's top summer enrichment experiences in the Houston area. A robust catalog covering a wide range of science topics are geared for children ages six to twelve.

Playing a critical role to the summer camp experience is the Wildlife Intern who is responsible for coordinating and facilitating animal presentations for Summer Camp and Scout classes, which serve over 100 children (ages 6-12) each week. This position requires the care and handling of a number of animals, including exotics and invertebrates including reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, fish, marine invertebrates, insects and arachnids.

This internship also provides the opportunity to learn about and participate with other aspects of the Youth Education Programs Department's summer programming.

This position reports to the Live Animal Program Facilitators.

*This is a part-time position: 25-30 hours per week (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.), May 20-August 9, 2024.

Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Daily care of a wide range of small native and exotic animals including feeding and handling animals and cleaning habitats
- Maintain a sanitary and organized animal facility
- Maintain accurate records of animal care and observations
- Maintain classroom and exhibit hall aquaria and terraria
- Present wildlife talks to small groups of summer camp students using live education animals
- Participate in provided onsite training
- Purchase animal food and supplies which may require the use of personal vehicle (mileage and expenses reimbursed)
- Other duties as assigned

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Organized
- Reliable
- Works well as part of a team in a fast-paced environment
- Takes initiative when necessary
- Experience caring for a wide variety of animals, not just mammals
- Interest in youth education, particularly in a museum setting is preferred
- Experience in public presentations is an advantage

Requirements:

- Comfortable handling live animals including snakes, lizards, frogs, mice, cockroaches
- Able to lift up to 40 pounds
- Able to sit, stand and walk for extended periods of time
- Able to arrive to work on time
- Access to reliable transportation to perform the functions of the job
- Must comply with the museum's COVID-19 protocols
- Family members of current or former employees or board members of the Houston Museum of Natural Science are not eligible for this internship

Perks of Working at HMNS Include:

- Free access to museum exhibits, Butterfly Center, Burke Baker Planetarium, Giant Screen Theater and satellite facilities
- Discounted programming including museum Summer Camp
- Free staff parking
- Staff discount in the museum's gift shop

Application Instructions:

Applications will be accepted **through March 9th** and can be submitted in the following ways:

- Submit resume to jobs@hmns.org
- Complete [Online Application Form](#)

No phone calls, please.

HMNS does not respond to inquiries regarding application status.

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