

Volunteer/Intern Application Wildlife World Zoo

Wildlife World Zoo Volunteers/Interns work closely with keeper staff performing basic husbandry duties and exhibit maintenance. To be considered you must be able to provide proof you are at least 18 years of age. Volunteers are expected to work a minimum of 8 hours per week. Our zoo keepers work closely with the public so a professional attitude and appearance from our volunteers is a must, as you are representing Wildlife World Zoo. Acceptable attire consists of comfortable clothes that you are not afraid to get dirty along with a pair of closed toe shoes; no sandals.

The zoo is divided into 5 animal care areas: hoof stock, birds and primates, reptiles, small mammals, and ponds and carnivores. One volunteer is assigned to each area per day. Reptiles and small mammals are inside areas, with the other 3 areas being outside. When assigned to an outside area Volunteers/Interns must be capable of working in all weather conditions including temperatures above 100°. Volunteers/Interns are not put in dangerous situations and are not required to perform any job with which they are uncomfortable. Due to potential health issues, pregnant volunteers should not work with primates or birds.

Basic husbandry duties include feeding, cleaning, and ensuring that animals have clean water. Exhibit maintenance includes keeping areas clear of debris and changing “furniture” for behavioral enrichment.

Volunteering/Interning at Wildlife World Zoo is hard work. In return, you will earn valuable zoo keeping experience with wild and exotic animals. Successful applicants will learn to perform most of the duties of an assistant zoo keeper, under strict supervision by an experienced zoo keeper.

Your application will be reviewed by the Volunteer Services Coordinator. If your qualifications match our volunteer needs you will be contacted. The Volunteer Coordinator will set up a personal interview after which time your name will be entered on a waiting list. Waiting time varies depending on your available days, the areas in which you have chosen to volunteer, and the needs of the zoo. Volunteers are required to be dependable and punctual in order to maintain good status.

Lance LaPuzz
Assistant Curator

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Phone _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. You must be 18 years of age or older to volunteer at Wildlife World Zoo. Can you provide proof of age? _____

2. What is your highest attained level of education? _____

3. Do you have reliable transportation? _____

4. Have you volunteered or interned elsewhere? If yes, please list.

5. Please list your experience with animals, either exotic or domestic; including pets you may have had.

6. Please list previous employment history.

7. What are your reasons for wanting to volunteer/Intern?

8. Please list days of the week you are available and the length of time you plan to continue your commitment. (Volunteer/Intern hours are typically 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in all areas except small mammals, which requires two mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to fulfill your commitment.)

9. We try to assign volunteers to the groups of animals they prefer to work with, so please indicate your first, second and third choices.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

10. Zoo keeping requires specific physical skills depending on the area you are assigned. Please answer yes or no.

1. Are you able to work in an environment that requires lifting of 25 - 45 lbs? _____
2. Work outdoors in the rain or 100° temperatures? _____
3. Ability to climb an eight foot ladder? _____