



City of Greenville, SC– Greenville Zoo Conservation Education Internship Job Description

Brief Description of the Job:

Conservation Education Interns at the Greenville Zoo are primarily responsible for the successful implementation of the Zoo Camp 2024 curriculum. This includes assisting with the development of class materials, leading classes of up to 20 students, and coordinating teen volunteer classroom assistants with the support of the full-time education staff. Interns also have the opportunity to gain experience working with a variety of animals, including small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and invertebrates.

Due to the closeness of the zoo community, an internship at an AZA accredited institution such as the Greenville Zoo can provide invaluable work experience and networking opportunities that will create a solid foundation for many zoo and animal related professions. Previous interns have successfully moved on from our education internship program to attend veterinary schools as well as begin careers in the environmental sector, both formal and informal education arenas, and in zoos and aquariums across the country.

Summer internships are usually from Late May –Early August. Interns must be able to commit to the following schedule for eight weeks during the summer:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm; Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Interns may receive a small stipend or class credit for the summer, stipulations for receiving the stipend/credit are as follows:

- Interns should commit fully to 8 weeks out of the summer schedule.
- Interns will need to attend a mandatory training prior to camp start date.

Required Skills:

1. Possesses strong verbal communication, writing, and research skills.
2. Has the demonstrated capacity to work independently as a percentage of the work requires independent research (after receiving initial direction).
3. Can work openly and collaboratively and take direction.
4. Must be comfortable speaking to large groups.
5. Must be comfortable approaching and speaking to adults (such as parents of campers).



Working Conditions:

1. Overall Working Conditions: Satisfactory: Frequent exposure to unpleasant environmental conditions and/or hazards (working outside)
2. Environmental Factors: None.
3. Health and Safety: None.
4. Primary Work Location: Classroom / Outdoor environment.
5. Protective Equipment Required: Variable

Other Requirements:

Interns should be enrolled or have completed a continuing education program, preferably pertaining to education, biology, zoology, conservation, or a related field. All interns must have excellent communication skill and enjoy working with all ages (especially children) and a wide variety of animal species. Each intern must be self-motivated, prompt, energetic, creative, and have the ability to work in a team environment. Interns must possess significant classroom management skills and must be able to delegate tasks to other interns or volunteers.