



SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER ANIMAL CARE SUMMER INTERNSHIP

About Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world. Through spectacular live animal exhibits, natural science education programs, an informal public garden, and lake cruises, the Science Center has educated and enlightened visitors since 1966 about the importance of our natural world. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is located on Route 113 in Holderness, an easy drive from exit 24 off I-93, and is open daily from May 1 through November 1. The Science Center is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and is the only AZA-accredited institution in all of northern New England. To learn more visit nhnature.org.

Position Purpose and Summary

The Science Center's Animal Care summer internship is an opportunity to learn and grow while gaining experience in native wild animal husbandry at a nationally-accredited nature center. The Animal Care Intern assists staff with all aspects of caring for the Science Center's animal ambassadors. The Animal Care Intern also gains experience with interpretation by presenting Up Close to Animals programs about native New Hampshire wildlife.

Internship Experiences

- Animal observations and record keeping
- Animal handling, capture and restraint
- Proper diet preparation and distribution
- General husbandry of animal and keeper areas
- Proper Association of Zoos and Aquariums protocols, policies and procedures
- Animal training and enrichment
- Basic avian wildlife rehabilitation
- Training in environmental education and interpretation techniques
- Opportunity to receive First Aid/CPR certification
- Presenting *Up Close to Animals* presentations during July & August, duties to be shared with other interns
- Assisting with special events, and additional duties as assigned
- Complete a final project in animal training or enrichment under the guidance of animal care staff

Requirements

- College junior/senior status or graduate student with a major in biology, zoology, natural sciences, or related field

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- Enthusiasm, motivation, strong time management and a desire to work with people and animals
- Ability to effectively communicate with staff and volunteers
- Appropriate footwear is required; work boots, hiking shoes or similar. Appropriate outerwear is required for all weather conditions – heat, rain, wind etc.
- Must be able to lift, and carry 50 pounds
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time
- Candidates receiving college credit for the experience are given priority in consideration
- Available from May 28 to mid- to late-August, 2019. First three weeks are training in education/interpretation and animal handling with a Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM schedule. The remainder of the summer is a Friday-Tuesday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM schedule.

Benefits

- Stipend of \$150/week
- Onsite, shared housing in rustic Intern Cottage

To Apply

Email cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to Animal Care Manager [Lauren Moulis](#). Cover letter should address your interest in applying for this position, your career goals, and how you anticipate this position will contribute to your professional development.