



Position Title: Education Internships

Reports To: Academic Programs Manager and Program Coordinators

Department: Education

Summary: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is looking for creative, enthusiastic, responsible and hardworking individuals with a passion for Environmental Education and working with children. Education interns take a leading role in all aspects of our program participants' experience, teaching diverse audiences from preschoolers to adults in the Zoo's education programs which include camps, tours, birthday parties and overnights. During educational programs, interns will provide a link between participants and nature, through experiences that inspire action. This job will vary in the number of hours a week depending on programming, including evenings, weekends and overnights. It also includes extensive walking, spending time outside in all weather and working with children on a daily basis. Some heavy lifting and extended time standing may be required. The successful candidate for this position will have a personality and attitude that fosters a friendly environment by very proactively engaging our program participants.

Spring Interns: You must be available for all dates

We are looking for 2-3 interns this spring to help us with school tours, overnights and birthday parties. Select interns may be asked to lead spring break camp based on performance and availability. Once summer starts, spring interns might be utilized in summer camp as needed. During the spring, hours can vary from 3-40 hours a week and once summer begins hours should increase to 25-40 hours a week.

Resumes Accepted: January-February 18, 2012

Position Begins: March 24, 2012

Training: March 20-March 23, 2012

Position Ends: August 12, 2012

Summer Interns: You must be available for all dates

We are looking for 8-10 interns this summer to help us with our summer camp program. A few select summer interns may be asked to help with tours, overnights or birthday parties. The hours for this position will range from 25-40 hours per week and may include overnights. Summer camp includes ages: 4-6, 6-10, and 10-14 year olds; applicants will be chosen based on experience within those age groups.

Resumes Accepted: January -April 1, 2012

Position Begins: June 4, 2012

Training: May 29 –June 2, 2012

Position Ends: August 12, 2012

Minimum Requirements:

- 18 years of age
- Experience working with children (Pre-K through High School)
- Coursework in education, biology or related field
- Willingness to learn to work with a variety of animals including reptiles and invertebrates
- Successful completion of a background check
- First aid and CPR training
- Must be available for all dates of internship. Time off will only be granted for once in a lifetime events i.e. weddings, births, funerals & emergencies

Responsibilities: To include but not limited to the following.

- Create and present exceptional and dynamic interpretive programs (formal and informal) featuring live animals, games, crafts and zoo hikes.
- Follow all safety guidelines and demonstrate the ability to make good decisions regarding the welfare of animals and participants
- Lead and supervise program participants, including children and adults, on a daily basis
- Complete internal training programs including animal handling training
- Assist in supervision of teen volunteers
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of program facilities
- Provide excellent and professional communication with all Cheyenne Mountain Zoo staff
- Identify and demonstrate conservation efforts for all education programs.
- Ability to multi-task and pay attention to detail in a fast-paced environment
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and ability to work as a team

Please answer the following questions in a maximum of 3-4 sentences each:

1. What role do you think zoos play in the community?
2. Why are you interested in being a part of the education team at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo?
3. Do you have or anticipate any conflicts with the schedule (i.e. vacation, different start date)?
4. Where did you hear about this internship?

Pay: \$7.75/hr, interns are eligible for an end of summer bonus based on performance and availability

To Apply: Please send resume, cover letter, essay questions and 3 professional reference contacts to:

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