

# Wildlife Care Internship

at the Chintimini Wildlife Center

## The Chintimini Wildlife Center

The Chintimini Wildlife Center provides care for injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat, and fosters a connection between people and wildlife through education. Chintimini is home to a wildlife rehabilitation clinic, a raptor conservation program, and an education program – all located right outside of Corvallis, Oregon.

## Wildlife Care Intern Position Description

Interns work under the supervision of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Staff to provide care to rehabilitation patients in our clinic. Interns will learn skills for many different aspects of wildlife rehabilitation, including but not limited to: animal care and husbandry, center and enclosure maintenance, public education, and horticulture. An approximate breakdown of those duties can be found below, but is subject to change dependent on the season and needs of the center.

### **Animal care: 50%**

- Prepare species appropriate diets for patients, adhering to patient feeding schedules
- Monitor patient health and welfare, attitude, weight, appetite, etc. and maintain written records
- Assist staff with initial examinations, medical treatments, and other procedures
- Learn and utilize appropriate restraint techniques for a variety of native species
- Daily cleaning of enclosures and cages for patients
- General daily upkeep of rehabilitation center such as laundry, dishes, and other cleaning tasks as assigned
- Work to ensure the safety of all animals and humans at the center

### **Center and enclosure maintenance: 25%**

- Assist staff with upkeep and restoration projects of indoor and outdoor enclosures

**Horticulture: 15%**

- Assist horticulture team with upkeep of grounds, including but not limited to weeding, clearing brush piles, maintaining pollinator garden, and building raised garden beds
- Collecting natural greenery from around the property for enrichment and dietary uses

**Public education: 10%**

- Admit new patients to rehabilitation center, including gathering patient histories and helping members of the public to complete admission forms
- Answer wildlife hotline calls and respond to questions from the public

Chintimini Wildlife Center offers three 13-week Wildlife Care Internship opportunities throughout the 2026 calendar year. Start and end dates for each session closely follow the Oregon State University academic calendar. Interns are required to work a minimum of 2-3 of the scheduled 4-6-hour shifts per week, depending on the session, and perform animal care duties on site.

There are two scheduled shifts per day, seven days per week. Start and end times for these shifts heavily depend on the time of year and our patient care needs. The clinic is open from 9am-5pm in the slow season, and 7am-8pm in the busy season. All interns must be available to work at least one weekend shift and one weekday shift per week. **While all shift hours may be subject to change, \*Spring interns can anticipate moving from slow season hours to busy season hours as the session progresses.**

\* **“Busy Season” 6-hour shifts** (applies to Spring and Summer Sessions): 7:30am-1:30pm and 2pm-8pm

\* **“Slow Season” 6-hour shifts** (applies to Spring Session): 9am-3pm and 11am -5pm

**“Slow Season” 4-hour shifts** (applies to Fall Session): 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm

## 2026 Internship Sessions:

**Spring Session:** March 29th through June 27th, two 6-hour shifts per week, minimum of 12 hours per week.

*Required Orientation: March 22nd, 2026*

**Summer Session:** June 21st through September 19th, three 6-hour shifts per week, minimum of 18 hours per week

*Required Orientation: June 14th, 2026*

**Fall Session:** September 13th through December 12th, three 4-hour shifts per week, minimum of 12 hours per week

*Required Orientation: September 8th, 2026*

**Due to the nature of the internship, start and end dates for these sessions are not flexible at this time. Interns are expected to participate for the entirety of the session they apply for. See dates required above.**

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience with or strong interest in wildlife, rehabilitation, animal care, or animal husbandry
- Have or be working towards a degree in Biology, Zoology, Wildlife Conservation, or other related fields
- Be able to follow directions carefully and have strong time management skills
- Not be afraid of getting dirty - Wildlife rehab is a messy job!

## Requirements

Requirements for all applicants include:

- 18 years of age
- Graduated from high school or received a GED
- Access to a form of transportation to and from CWC

## Working Conditions

Duties will be performed on Chintimini's 9.4-acre property which includes grassland, wetland, riparian and deciduous bottomland forest habitats. Interns must be able to stand for long periods of time, and frequently lift 25-50 pounds. Interns will be working with/near live animals, so should be prepared for a job that is as messy as it is rewarding!

## Compensation

This is an unpaid volunteer position, and participation in our internship program does not guarantee paid employment with us in the future.

## College Credits

If approved by your college advisor, you may be able to earn credit hours in exchange for your time. One credit represents approximately 3 hours per week for an academic term. If this is something you are interested in, please indicate so in your application and begin discussing with your advisor **prior to your interview**. Interns are responsible for any and all paperwork involved, so be proactive in understanding and completing all requirements for earning credit.

## How to apply

To apply, please fill out our online application form at <https://chintiminiwildlife.org/get-involved/internships/>. Please note that you will need to provide a resume, cover letter, anticipated schedule, and information for two professional references when completing the form. **While we may promote our internships through various channels like online job boards and social media, we do not accept applications through these platforms. Applications sent through any process other than as described on our website will be ignored.**

If you have any questions about this position, contact our staff via the info below.

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**ABOUT THE CHINTIMINI WILDLIFE CENTER:** Since 1989, the Chintimini Wildlife Center has worked to protect and celebrate Oregon's wildlife. Our efforts have served over 25,000 animals to date, and improved the lives of countless others through community outreach and education. To learn more and get involved, please visit us on the web at <http://chintiminiwildlife.org>