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# Bird of Prey 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 Corvallis, Oregon.

## Bird of Prey Intern Position Description

Interns work with the Raptor Leadership Team and other Education Program staff and volunteers to provide care, training and enrichment to our team of 10+ Raptor Ambassadors, birds of prey deemed unreleasable into the wild. Interns will:

- prepare appropriate diets for the Ambassadors and adhere to feeding schedules,
- maintain the daily raptor care and enrichment schedules,
- assist in daily cleaning of enclosures and other spaces the animals spend time in, such as training areas or mews,
- assist in preparing for and executing conservation-themed programming for both on- and offsite presentations, and
- work to ensure the safety of all animals and humans on the property.

Internships last about 6 months and follow the Oregon State University academic calendar for Winter and Spring terms (January 7 - June 14). Interns will typically report to work at Chintimini Wildlife Center for three 4-hour shifts per week and perform animal care activities onsite. Some travel may be required if interns are performing offsite educational programming.

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Have interest or experience in wildlife and/or outdoor education.
- Enjoy being outdoors.
- Be flexible, energetic and enthusiastic about wildlife and education.
- Possess excellent communication skills.
- Be able to walk more than three miles per day on various terrains in all kinds of weather.

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**ABOUT THE CHINTIMINI WILDLIFE CENTER:** Since 1989, the Chintimini Wildlife Center has worked to protect Oregon's wildlife. Our efforts have served over 24,000 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>

- Possess a valid driver's license and provide own transportation.
- Pass a criminal history check.

Applicants with experience working with animals and/or wildlife a plus.

## Working Conditions

Intern duties will be performed on Chintimini's 9-acre property which includes grassland, wetland (including a large pond), riparian, and deciduous bottomland forest habitats. Activities will take place both indoors and outdoors and regardless of weather conditions, so dressing for the weather is essential. 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 a volunteer position. However, if approved by your college advisor, you may be able to earn credit hours in exchange for your time. If this is something you are interested in, please indicate so in your application and begin discussing with your advisor **prior to your interview.**

## How to apply

To apply, please fill out our online application form at [www.chintiminiwildlife.org/internships](http://www.chintiminiwildlife.org/internships). Please note that you will need to provide information for two references when completing the form. If you have any questions about this position or the application process, contact our Raptor Education Director via the email below.

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