

Birds of Prey Internship

at the Chintimini Wildlife Center

Additional COVID-19 safety protocols & guidelines

Face coverings: Masks, face shields and face coverings are **currently required** for *indoor public spaces*. In addition, face coverings are **required** in *outdoor public spaces* when physical distancing is not possible.

Hand washing: **Frequent handwashing** is essential to stopping the spread of COVID-19. If you cannot use soap and water, use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content).

Physical distancing: Whenever possible, **maintain a distance of at least 6 feet** between yourself and staff/interns/volunteers/the public.

Cleaning protocols: Additional **sanitation protocols** are now in place. Staff will go over this on shift.

Patient admissions: We are enforcing a **contactless patient admission system**. Staff will go over this on shift.

If you are sick, stay home! Chintimini Wildlife Center reserves the right to revise or cancel the internship program at any time in compliance with Oregon Health Authority guidelines.

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 hospital, a raptor education program and a youth education program – all located right outside Corvallis, Oregon.

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>

Birds 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 - mostly 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 approximately 12 weeks and closely follow the Oregon State University academic calendar. Interns will report to work at Chintimini Wildlife Center for three or more of our scheduled 4-hour shifts per week and perform animal care activities onsite. Some travel may be required if interns are performing offsite educational programming.

Due to the training and competency required, our preference is for interns who can commit to 3 or more shifts per week. Shift times are flexible but are typically **10am-2pm**.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Have interest or experience in wildlife and/or outdoor education,
- Enjoy being outdoors,
- Be adaptable, 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,
- Possess a valid driver's license and provide own transportation,
- Pass a criminal history check.

Applicants with experience working with animals and/or wildlife are a plus. Interns are strongly encouraged to be current on their tetanus vaccination. **Must be at least 18 years of age to apply.**

Working Conditions

Intern duties will be performed on Chintimini's 9.4-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. Must be able to stand for long periods of time, perform physically demanding tasks, and frequently lift 10 pounds. Interns are required to use PPE and follow all safety protocols per CWC's policies. **Interns must keep an electronic log of all hours worked by recording**

hours at each shift's end. Interns will be working with/near wild 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. 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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