

Wildlife Care Internship

at 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 and celebrate Oregon's wildlife. Our efforts have served over 29,000 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>

Wildlife Care Intern Position Description

Interns work with the Wildlife Rehabilitation Team to provide care to rehabilitation patients in our clinic. Interns will:

- prepare species appropriate diets for our patients,
- administer & adhere to the patient feeding schedules,
- assist staff in treatments and other procedures,
- assist in daily cleaning of enclosures and other spaces the animals spend time in,
- work to ensure the safety of all animals and humans on the property, and
- other duties as assigned.

Internships last approximately 12 weeks and closely follow the Oregon State University academic calendar. Interns will report to work at Chintimini Wildlife Center for two or more of our scheduled 5-hour shifts per week and perform animal care activities onsite.

Due to the training and competency required, our preference is for interns who can commit to 2 or more shifts per week. We have 2 scheduled shifts per day, 7 days per week. Our morning shift runs from **9 am – 2 pm**, and our afternoon shift runs from **3 pm – 8 pm**.

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,
- 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 seasonal pond), riparian and forest habitats. 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, 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 www.chintiminiwildlife.org/internships. Please note that you will need to provide information for two 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 or the application process, contact our staff via the info below.

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