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# Wildlife Education Internships

*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 and a wildlife education program – all located right outside Corvallis, Oregon.

## Wildlife Education Intern Position Description

Interns work with the Wildlife 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) as well as our reptile and invertebrate Ambassador Animals. There are two levels of internships. Level I Interns will:

- prepare appropriate diets for the Ambassadors and adhere to feeding schedules,
- maintain the daily animal care and enrichment schedules for the Ambassadors,
- assist in daily cleaning of enclosures and other spaces the Animal Ambassadors spend time in, such as training areas or enrichment enclosures.
- assist in preparing for and executing wildlife education-themed programming for both on- and offsite presentations.
- work to ensure the safety of all animals and humans on the property and,
- complete a project centered around wildlife, education or husbandry that has been approved by the Education Staff.

Level II Interns will continue getting experience in all of the above areas as well as:

- learn to give formal presentations on birds of prey, reptiles and/or invertebrates
- complete a second project centered around wildlife, education, husbandry or animal training (Animal training is for Level II only)
- Learn to work with additional birds at a higher level

Internships can last 11-12 weeks and typically follow the Oregon State University academic calendar.

**\*\* Fall Internship may be extended and can last 14-15 weeks. All new Interns begin at Level 1. Upon completing a Level 1 Internship, Interns are welcome to re-apply for a second internship as a Level II**

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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>

Intern. Interns will report to work at Chintimini Wildlife Center for three or more 4-hour shifts per week and perform animal care activities onsite. Shifts are between 10am and 4pm. Some additional travel may be required if interns are performing offsite programming.

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Have interest or experience in wildlife and/or outdoor education as a career.
- 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.
- Be able to bend, crouch, stoop, climb, crawl and lift up to 30 lbs.
- Possess a valid driver's license and provide own transportation.
- Pass a criminal history check.

Experience working with animals and/or wildlife in a professional facility is a plus, but is not necessary.

## 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 an unpaid intern 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 Education Director or Education Curator via the email below.

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