

## ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIP

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Exploreum Nature Pavilion intern is responsible for assisting the staff herpetologist with the care of a diverse collection of animals that are utilized for educational activities such as exhibits, programming, and birthday parties.

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Interns will learn the daily care of both program and exhibit animals. Responsibilities will include: general upkeep of the Nature Pavilion, animal observations, diet preparation, enclosure cleaning, record keeping, proper animal welfare, animal enrichment and training practices. Interns will have the opportunity to learn how to properly handle live animals during presentations as well as learning important skills for developing and presenting educational programs. Upon completion of the program interns will have a better understanding of the proper management of live animals in a science center setting.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist with the daily husbandry of the collection.
- Clean and maintain animal enclosures and exhibits.
- Preparation and feeding of diets.
- Learn proper handling techniques.

### **BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Interested in pursuing an animal-oriented career
- Willingness to get dirty.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Demonstrated communication skills
- Some background experience with animals is desirable, but not required.

**LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP:** Summer 2022 (May/June - August)

**WORK SCHEDULE:** 3-4 days per week, 7 paid hours per day with an unpaid ½ hour lunch.

**BENEFITS:** Intern benefits include free parking at Fort Conde, free admission, discounts in the gift shop and café!

**APPLICATION NOTES:** All internship applicants are **required to submit a resume, cover letter and two teacher recommendations**. Email all application materials to [twebb@exploreum.com](mailto:twebb@exploreum.com) by **May 2, 2022**. In the subject line, please include the position in which you are applying for.

**Training is May 31, 2022 – June 3, 2022**

**Works begins June 6, 2022 and ends August 6, 2022**