

# Raptor Rehabilitation Internship at Teton Raptor Center - March start

Dates: March 1 - February 15th (11.5 months)

Hours per week: 40 (5 days a week, 8 hours a day), will include some weekends and holidays

Jackson Hole, Wyoming



## ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Teton Raptor Center is a nonprofit organization working to advance raptor conservation through education, research, and rehabilitation. We are located at the historic Hardeman Ranch, a Jackson Hole Land Trust protected property in Wilson, Wyoming.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Raptor Rehab Internship is an opportunity to support the work of a vibrant conservation organization. We are looking for someone who is curious, enthusiastic, and ready to roll up his or her sleeves to work hard, deepen the work of raptor conservation, and be part of a passionate team. This is an excellent opportunity to build your experience handling and working with over 23 raptor and corvid species. Your role will also include support of communications and campus stewardship.

This internship experience is multifaceted and will provide training, mentorship, and opportunities in the following areas:

- Rehabilitation
  - Medical treatment and support
  - Live raptor care and handling
  - Daily care of rehabilitation patients
  - Cleaning of clinic, enclosures, and equipment
  - Food preparation and feeding
  - Rehabilitation support
  - Flight and conditioning training
  - Live prey care and husbandry
  - Field rescues and transport of injured birds
  - Communication with public about patient status
- Communications
  - Social Media
    - Develop social media content for various digital platforms

## QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Strong communication skills, including excellent writing skills
- Familiarity with video and online media platforms
- A love of nature and desire to share that passion with others

- Knowledge of science, natural history, and birds of prey (a strong interest in wildlife, enthusiasm, strong work ethic, maturity, and willingness to learn are more important than academic qualifications)
- Willingness to take initiative, roll-up your sleeves, problem solve and multi-task effectively and with humor while working with a small group of very committed people
- Ability to tolerate time spent in front of a computer, as well as physical labor
- Good health and fitness, ability to perform physically demanding tasks such as cleaning and lifting (up to 40 lbs.) and work outdoors in all sorts of weather
- Recently graduated, at least 21 years of age, holds a valid drivers license
- Commitment to entire internship timeframe and ability and flexibility to work evenings, holidays, and weekends

### **TASK & EXPERIENCE ALLOCATION**

All numbers are estimates and will vary from season to season:

- Avian Rehab, Rescue, Release, and Transport: 60%
- Database entry and management: 10%
- Enclosure and Clinic Maintenance Projects: 10%
- Communications: 10%
- Site stewardship and other duties as assigned: 10%

### **COMPENSATION/BENEFITS:**

- Internships may be used for academic or vocational purposes. Interns are responsible for making the arrangements necessary to receive relevant credit as a result of completing the internship.
- Monthly stipend: \$1,400
- On-site housing- As a condition of this opportunity, the individual must reside in TRC's workforce housing units.
- Use of TRC vehicles for Teton Raptor Center operations and programs.
- PTO
- Training and professional development in avian rehabilitation

### **ABOUT TETON RAPTOR CENTER:**

Teton Raptor Center (TRC) is a non-profit organization advancing raptor conservation through education, research, and rehabilitation. TRC's educational programs reach tens of thousands of visitors annually. Our team of Resident Raptors includes 13 non-releasable raptors that are cared for and provided training and enrichment on a daily basis. Our research team works on dozens of research projects annually, both locally and in other parts of Wyoming and Montana. Our research projects include the largest and longest on-going study of Great Gray Owls anywhere in the world, as well as projects monitoring migration of Golden Eagles and Rough-legged Hawks, and more. TRC rescues and rehabilitates over 150 raptors annually and recently received permits to begin rehabilitating corvids as well. These

injured, ill and orphaned birds come from all over the state of Wyoming and Idaho. Finally, TRC works on several conservation projects aimed at keeping wild raptors safer in the wild. These include the Poo-Poo Project (Port-o-Potty Owl Project), an initiative to keep cavity-nesting owls and other raptors from becoming trapped in the ventilation pipes on vault toilets, and Sporting Lead-Free, an education-based initiative aimed at reducing the use of lead ammunition and tackle in the environment because of its detrimental health effects on raptors.

**EMPLOYMENT at TETON RAPTOR CENTER:**

Teton Raptor Center is an equal opportunity employer with a smoke-free and drug-free workplace. Successful applicants will be required to pass a background check, driving check, and drug screening.

**TO APPLY:**

Email your resume, cover letter, and three professional references to [raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org](mailto:raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org) with the subject line, "March Raptor Rehab Internship Application." Within your application, please explain your interest in our work and answer this question: What do you expect to achieve as a result of this internship opportunity?

Your application should be sent a single PDF file, labeled as follows: "Last Name\_First Name\_MarchRehabIntern.pdf" (e.g.. Audubon\_Jane\_MarchRehabIntern.pdf). **The application window for our March start internships is October 1 - November 30 of each year. Applications must be received by 5pm (Mountain Time) on November 30. Hiring decisions will be made by January 1st.**