



SUMMER AVIAN CARE INTERNSHIP (HS)

Date range: June 1 - September 31st, minimum of six weeks

Two Positions Available

Must be at least 16 years old and in high school.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Teton Raptor Center is seeking a creative and self-motivated high school student to support our on and off-site education programs, help care for the Avian Ambassadors, and support care for the rehab patients in the clinic.

Under the supervision of the Education Coordinator and the Clinic Coordinator, the Summer Avian Care Intern will:

- Assist with on and off site education programs which will include:
 - Set-up, clean-up
 - Loading and unloading
 - Resupplying
 - Inventory
- Assist with husbandry for the Avian Ambassadors including but not limited to:
 - Feeding, cleaning, and maintaining the enclosures
 - Basic training including crating and voluntary weighing
- Assist with care for the rehab raptors including but not limited to:
 - Feeding, cleaning, and maintaining the enclosures
 - Safe restraint during exams and treatments
 - Rescue and/or transport of injured birds
- Assist with maintenance of the enclosures when needed.

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

- Must be 16 years of age and in high school
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Strong communication skills, including the ability to compose lesson plans in a clear and consistent format.
- An excitement and willingness to engage the public about our work through both formal and informal platforms.
- Able to stay on task and complete assignments in a timely manner with minimal supervision..
- Punctual, reliable, and willing to put in a full day of work, every day.
- A love of nature, especially birds, and a desire to share that love with audiences of all ages (note - while academic background knowledge of

- education and/or ecosystems and conservation is helpful, it is not required to be successful in this position).
- Fluency in Spanish is desired but not required.
 - Ability to perform physically demanding tasks such as cleaning and lifting (up to 40 lbs.) and to work in unheated buildings during cold weather. Our supportive team can assist with these tasks if needed, so this is desired but not required.
 - In college or recently graduated and at least 18 years of age with valid driver's license.
 - Commitment to a minimum of six weeks and ability/flexibility to work holidays and/or weekends
 - Current CPR & AED for Adult and Child and First Aid Certification (we strongly encourage this, but it is not a requirement).
 - Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

TASK & EXPERIENCE ALLOCATION:

- Animal Husbandry and Care Support: 80%
- Program Support: 10%
- Other Duties as Assigned: 10%

BENEFITS:

- Unpaid and no on-site housing available
- May be used for academic credit. The intern is responsible for making arrangements to receive necessary credits.

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 Avian Ambassadors includes 14 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 species like Golden Eagles, Ferruginous Hawks, Goshawks, and more. TRC rescues and rehabilitates over 150 raptors annually and recently received permits to rehabilitate 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 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:

February 15th, 5pm deadline, hiring decision in March.

Email your resume, cover letter, and three professional references to raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org with the subject line, “*YEAR* Summer Avian Care Internship Application.” Your application should be sent a single PDF file saved with your name and the internship in the file title (e.g., “LastName_FirstName_2023SummerAvianCareIntern”). Applications must be received by 5pm (Mountain Time) February 15th for the summer position.