

Raptor Conservation Internship at Teton Raptor Center - December start

Dates: December 1 - November 15

Hours per week: 40

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:

This one-year Raptor Conservation Internship is an opportunity to become immersed in the work of a vibrant and growing conservation organization. This holistic experience includes exposure to all program areas at TRC including education, research, and rehabilitation, with additional opportunities to explore the operations and communications aspects of a nonprofit. We are looking for someone who is curious, enthusiastic, and ready to roll-up their sleeves to work hard, deepen the work of raptor conservation, and be part of a passionate team.

The programmatic focus will shift with the time of year. Time spent supporting TRC's communications will be incorporated into the schedule throughout the full year (likely averaging one day per week).

- **December - February:** Avian Care (both for residents and rehab), Outreach support, and Conservation & Research support
- **March - May:** Conservation & Research - field and office work related to research projects
- **June - July:** Resident Resident Raptor Care & Outreach - animal care and public programs
- **August - September:** Raptor Rehabilitation - rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured, ill, and orphaned birds
- **October- November:** Conservation & Research - field and office work related to research projects

AREAS of EMPHASIS :

Conservation/Research

- Support TRC's on-going research projects including but not limited to:
 - Skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking to remote locations in the backcountry to set up automated recording devices
 - Analyzing TRC's sound recording data (Goshawk, Boreal and Great Gray Owl)
 - Outreach support for lead-free campaign, including educational shooting demonstrations and other events, packaging/mailing, and creating digital content
 - Photo/video cataloging

- Remote fieldwork to support data collection, including camping for several consecutive nights and early-morning fieldwork
- Spending up to several weeks at a time in remote field sites across Wyoming and Montana

Avian Care - Resident and Rehab Raptors

- Support all aspects of husbandry for the resident and patients, including but not limited to:
 - Small animal care (live mice)
 - Cleaning enclosures
 - Preparing food
 - Medication administration
 - Record keeping
 - Flight training
 - Behavior observation/Enrichment
 - Handling the birds

Communications & Outreach

- Contribute to TRC's social media platforms and communications channels
 - Take photos and videos to create content to tell the stories of TRC's work.
- Support TRC's outreach programs by assisting and possibly leading public and private live raptor programs
 - Learn how to handle the resident raptors on glove
 - Present on the natural history, conservation message, and individual stories of each of TRC's resident birds
 - Load and unload kennels
 - Set-up and clean-up

Administration & Stewardship

- Support administrative activities, such as mailings, filing, and data organization
- Site stewardship:
 - Participate as a member of TRC's Green Team, supporting and executing on campus sustainability initiatives, including weekly recycling.
 - Participate in campus stewardship, such as cleaning and general maintenance and landscaping activities.

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

Teton Raptor Center is seeking applicants with the following qualifications and skills:

- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Familiarity with digital media platforms
- Comfort with solo hiking for extended periods and for several miles over off-trail and rugged terrain, navigation, and backcountry safety

- Familiarity with online research to locate and synthesize 3rd-party data (e.g., weather data)
- 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 perform physical tasks such as carrying a heavy backpack over several miles and lifting (up to 40 lbs.)
- Current CPR & AED and First Aid Certification required.
- Clean driving record and ability to navigate 4wd vehicles in rough terrain (ability to drive a stick-shift preferred but not required)
- At least 21 years old
- Commitment to entire internship timeframe and ability and flexibility to experience many aspects of Teton Raptor Center's programs

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

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

Please apply [here](#) to upload your resume, cover letter, and three professional references. Your resume and cover letter should be uploaded as a single PDF saved with your name, year and the internship in the file title (e.g., "LastName_FirstName_2024_Conservation_Internship").

The application window for our December start internships is July 1 - August 31 of each year. Applications must be received by 5pm (Mountain Time) on August 31.