JOB OPPORTUNITY Posted 2.4.2025, Open Until Filled

RAPTOR CARE TECHNICIAN

Part-time (Fall, Winter, Spring), Full-time (June - September)

Reports to: Roost Coordinator



Mission Statement:

Teton Raptor Center advances raptor conservation through education, research, and rehabilitation.

Position Overview

This individual is a key member of Teton Raptor Center's (TRC) team, providing daily care, husbandry, enrichment and training for Teton Raptor Center's Avian Ambassadors to prepare them to engage in public programming. This individual will also assist our educators in providing memorable public education programs to promote all of our pillars dedicated to the conservation, rehabilitation, and research of raptors.

Key Responsibilities:

Raptor Care and Husbandry (70%)

- Collaborate with the Roost Coordinator, staff, and volunteers to plan and execute daily raptor care activities, preparing avian ambassadors for public appearances and programs.
- Prepare and provide appropriate diets for ambassador raptors.
- Maintain accurate daily records of behavior training sessions, diets, health issues, and enrichment activities.
- Monitor training progress, health, and enrichment of avian ambassadors and assist in implementing care and training plans.
- Utilize a variety of safe and effective raptor training and handling methods to ensure successful educational programs featuring live raptors.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of the natural histories of various raptor species.
- Identify and address maintenance and safety concerns, facilitating timely resolution.
- Assist veterinary and training staff with routine wellness exams, including safely restraining raptors for medical procedures.
- Track supply and equipment needs and assist with inventory management.
- Participate in periodic raptor aviary modifications as needed.
- Supervise and mentor volunteers and interns during daily avian care routine.

Program Development & Delivery (20%)

- Deliver engaging formal and informal educational programs using live avian ambassadors, both onsite, offsite, and in virtual settings.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of educational programs and special animal demonstrations, collaborating with other staff to ensure consistent, high-quality programming.
- Contribute to development of multimedia programming focused on raptors and their habitats.
- Pursue ongoing learning about raptors, their ecology, habitats, and conservation issues.

Administrative & Additional Duties (10%)

- Support broader TRC initiatives and campus stewardship efforts.
- Perform additional duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Skills

- Bachelor's degree in related field (education, biology, environmental science).
- Minimum of three years of raptor husbandry raptor handling, or falconry experience with proven experience training a variety of raptor species for educational purposes.
- Knowledge of science, natural history, avian wildlife, western ecosystems and conservation challenges.
- Exceptional communication skills, organizational skills, and attention to detail.
- Proven ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment.
- Team-oriented with the ability to work independently.
- Passion for nature, wildlife, and conservation.
- Flexibility to work occasional weekends, evenings, and holidays.
- Physical ability to lift up to 40 lbs. and remain on your feet for extended periods.
- Valid driver's license.
- Spanish language proficiency (preferred, but not required).

Ideal Candidate Attributes

- Open-minded and flexible toward all aspects of raptor training techniques.
- Warm, enthusiastic, and collaborative team player.
- Passionate about raptors, conservation, and inspiring action.
- Skilled at tailoring programs for diverse audiences and demographics.
- Adaptable and innovative in educational delivery.
- Committed to continual learning and professional growth.

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 and driving check.

Compensation: \$25/hour.

To Apply:

Please apply <u>here</u> 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 job title in the file title (e.g., "LastName_FirstName_2025_Raptor_Care_Tech").

Employment Disclaimer

This job description is not a contract of employment. TRC may revise this description as necessary. Performance and salary are reviewed annually, following a six-month probationary period. TRC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or disability. TRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.