

Education Department Internship – Winter and Spring (Annual)

Overview:

The Education Department intern will work with staff implementing the Zoo's education programs. The intern will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the needs required for developing and maintaining education programs in a non-formal setting. He/she will perform tasks in a variety of program areas including Safari Camp, Snoozes, School Programs, and Visitor Programs. The internship is unpaid, but there are many benefits that will afford interns a valuable experience in informal education. Positions are available in both winter and spring terms annually.

Duties

- Assist with curriculum development for Spring and Summer Safari Camps
- Assist with the creation/gathering of materials for Spring and Summer Safari Camps
- Conduct informal programming and guest experiences through trail hosting with interpretive education carts and biofacts
- Assist with the planning and execution of on-site Education Events as assigned
- Observe and assist with School Programs and Snooze Programs as assigned
- Develop, with Camp and Overnight Program Coordinator, a project related to education programming at the Zoo
- Other tasks as assigned

Qualifications

- Qualified applicants should be in the process of pursuing a degree in an applicable field of study related to education, environmental studies, natural history, or recreation with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Candidates should have some experience working with children of all ages, and excellent written and verbal communication skills. Experience in teaching or interpretation settings is preferred.
- Be able to make at least a 20 hour commitment each week
- (Spring only) Available for at least a three-month commitment
- Have reliable transportation to and from the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk, VA

Benefits:

- Professional development—invitation to Zoo University trainings and traveling speakers when available
- Online training modules to develop interpretation basics and other Zoo professional skills
- Participation in animal experiences as part of scheduled education programs
- Experience in a nonprofit, informal environmental education program

To Apply:

Email your resume, cover letter, and transcript (unofficial is acceptable) to kyle.wash@norfolk.gov by **December 1st**.