

College Postings Spring 2020- Post by August 15th, applications due November 1st

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Company Description

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and accredited sanctuary through the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Our mission is to provide lifetime refuge for abandoned, abused, and neglected big cats with an emphasis on tigers, lions, leopards, and cougars. Since 1992, we have rescued more than 500 Big Cats and over 50 other exotic animals, giving them a caring, lifelong home. These magnificent creatures are the unfortunate, unwanted products of the private trade in exotic animals; most of them would have been destroyed if we were not able to take them.

We are constantly building large natural habitats for our growing family of Big Cats, which give them the room to run, play and explore like never before.

Internship Description

In 1997 TCWR established an internship program for students desiring more experience in the care of exotic big cats and animals. Intern applicants must be college graduates with a degree in Biology or related animal science field preferred, but experience with exotic animal husbandry may be considered. Sixteen positions are opened each internship, and run every 6 months. If you are looking for a full-time internship working around big cats and exotic animals, you just may have found it.

Our interns work very closely with our 7 animal care staff members. Any project the interns work on is assigned by animal care staff. TCWR is seeking 16 full-time, 6-month animal care interns. Work is often physically demanding. Applicant must be self-motivated, with a high desire to provide the best care available to all animals. Applicants must be observant and able to keep detailed records. The ability to work in a team environment or independently is important.

Job Description

Work in a Captive Animal Institution- responsible for daily care of tigers, lions, cougars, black bears, brown bears, leopards, servals, bobcats, a rhesus macaque, and a coatimundi. Duties include: animal husbandry, enrichment, and record keeping of animal behavior.

Prepare and Maintain Animal Housing- maintaining animal and customer safety through daily exhibit checks. Includes routine landscaping, cleaning habitats of underbrush, and providing animal enrichment.

Conduct Educational Information to Visitors- responsible for greeting customers and giving guided tours throughout the facility. Educate the public about each resident species and the direction of the facility's future.

Prepare Diets and Monitor Feeding- maintain food quality and hygiene standards of produce and meat. Prepare food with consideration to specific dietary needs and monitor every animal's intake. Keep close records of every animal's diet and physical health.

Monitor and Maintain Animal Health- maintain daily records of animal behavior and health, identifying abnormal behavior and sign of illness. Administer daily medications. Prepare and maintain quarantine areas for recent rescues.

Restrain and Assist in Moving Animals- assist animal care staff in relocating animals to more appropriate habitats. Follow all safety procedures in loading, unloading, and during transport of animals.

Identify Behavioral Needs and Improve Husbandry- provide approved animal enrichment including environmental and scent enrichment.

Maintain Exhibits and Assist Design- aid in designing and constructing ½-1-acre animal habitats. Maintain exhibits daily and detect/control pets.

Compensation:

Weekly cash stipend of \$50 for living expenses. On-site housing provided which includes heat, air conditioning, utilities, full bath, kitchen, washer & dryer, satellite TV, Wi-Fi, and free long distance.

Important Dates:

New Spring Positions Begin: February 1st, 2020

Deadline for Applications: November 1, 2019

Position lasts for six months with option to extend.

February 1st-August 25th, 2020

Location: Eureka Springs, Arkansas

To Apply:

Send your cover letter, resume, and 2 letters of recommendation (required) to: Emily McCormack
Animal Curator/Internship Coordinator emily@turpentinecreek.org

About Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

Become a part of a dedicated team who make a difference in exotic animals' lives every single day.

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is a true sanctuary committed to rescuing abused, abandoned and unwanted Exotic Cats fallen victim of the exotic animal trade. We are accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), a USDA licensed facility, and have all of the proper state permits in Arkansas. For 27 years, TCWR's mission has been to provide a lifetime sanctuary for the survivors of the exotic pet trade. With the care, safety, and welfare of animals being the number one priority at the Refuge, it is important that each animal is treated with the dignity and compassion they desperately need and deserve. Because of this mission, TCWR has developed a reputation for compassionate care across the country.