

Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo (RAD ZOO)

Intern Job Description

Dates of Internships: 2 seven week internships available 1) May 14 to June 30 & 2) July 2 to August 18, 2012

Internship Location: Owatonna, Minnesota

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The Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo (RAD ZOO) 2012 internship programs are 7 week program providing an intern with an opportunity to learn a variety of skills involved with the operations of a small reptile and amphibian zoo. This internship is a paid position (\$50.00 weekly stipend, plus potential tips and bonuses). Current operations of the zoo include traveling educational programs for a variety of venues to include but not limited to: schools, libraries, business functions, daycare centers, birthday parties, and scouting events. The RAD ZOO also operates a facility open to the public featuring approximately 120 different species of reptiles and amphibians displayed in recreations of their natural habitats. An intern would be expected to spend 40 hours per week assisting in several aspects of these operations. The majority of the responsibilities are detailed below:

1. Assist in the maintenance of a diverse reptile and amphibian collection to include daily animal husbandry, record keeping, and diet preparation.
2. Conduct wildlife educational programs using live animals at a variety of venues with the eventual goal of working independently.
3. Assist in preparation of animal fact sheets for use in educational graphics.
4. Assist with marketing operations.
5. Assist in the design and construction of animal exhibits.
6. Design a twenty-minute educational program from a list of set topics utilizing live animals from the zoo's collection and animal artifacts (if for college credit).

A successful candidate will be capable of working independently on occasion, showing flexibility of schedule, and willingness to work in adverse weather conditions. Good communication skills and an ability to speak publicly to large crowds are required. Intern candidates must be capable of lifting 50 pounds and possess a valid drivers license and auto insurance. Applicants will meet personal appearance standards while interacting with the public. The RAD ZOO is a family owned business of Jamie and Melissa Pastika. More information about the zoo can be found at www.theradzoo.com or we can be contacted directly at 1-507-455-1465. Resumes will be accepted until Feb 17, 2012 and then interviews will be the following week. E-mail resume to Jamie@theradzoo.com or mail resume to:

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