



Lake Metroparks Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center Summer Intern Program

Lake Metroparks' Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center is an environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation and research facility. We present more than 350 outreach programs a year and rehabilitate more than 2,000 native Ohio wildlife annually. The center is a great place for students interested in pursuing a degree in biology or a related field to gain hands-on experience.

Introduction

Student interns are a valuable resource to the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center. The students work a regular schedule and work during the summer months. We will spend quite a bit of time mentoring these students—they in turn provide a valuable resource and become the next generation of wildlife conservationists. Many become passionate about “spreading the word” to their fellow students and communities.

Objectives for Interns

Students will learn the basic procedures and protocols involved with wildlife education and rehabilitation. They will develop and practice skills of animal husbandry/triage, environmental interpretation and handling/enrichment for program animals directly from professionals in their field of interest.

At the conclusion of an internship, students will be able to:

1. Identify the mission of the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and the role of rehabilitation and education in the community.
2. Understand the basic tasks involved in operating the education department and the programs offered to the public.
3. Understand the basics of animal first aid and follow-through triage.
4. Identify at least three species of each animal group (mammal, reptile, bird) and know a general history of each.
5. Carry out husbandry duties for at least four species of education animals and how to properly handle those species.
6. Read, comprehend and record pertinent logs and forms related to daily operations.
7. Plan and carry out one enrichment/training project for one to two species.
8. Handle one to two animals for a public presentation and utilize appropriate interpretive skills to speak to the public on behalf on the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center during a program with staff.
9. Learn basic habitat and nutritional needs for species rehabilitated.
10. Identify tasks, prioritize and follow through to completion.

**If interested, please send a resume to:
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by February 20.**