**Seasonal Internship Information**

Thank you for considering The Wilderz at Pocono Wildlife for your internship. By joining our team, you will gain a vast amount of knowledge and experience in wildlife rehabilitation. Of the 3,000+ animals we intake yearly, the majority of them come in between April and September. Length of internships may vary, but **help is needed most during this time**. Come prepared! Baby season is a high-paced, self-motivated, and high-volume time to be working in. Animals are coming in non-stop and feedings are ‘round the clock. That being said, you will have fun and leave with an experience of a lifetime.

Full-time interns, residential or commuting, receive a weekly stipend of $125. A limited number of double-occupancy apartments with utilities are available on-site. Part-time internships are possible too; stipends vary depending on hours and distance traveled. There’s a minimum of 10 hours per week.

**As an intern, you will be involved with:**

* **CUTTING UP AND GUTTING DEAD RODENTS AND CHICKS** for our rehabilitating animals
* Admitting animals and recording information from the rescuer
* Identifying the species of animals
* Assessing animals upon arrival and during treatment\*
* Creating a treatment plan
* Learning to ensure personal safety and the safety of others
* Developing public interaction and communication skills
* Animal husbandry (feeding, cleaning, and caring for the physical and mental well-being of all animals)\*
* Selecting, preparing, and providing nutritionally-balanced diet to animals
* Releasing wildlife\*

**Prerequisites:**

* Strong work ethic—punctual, a positive attitude, a team player, and enthusiastic
* Concern for safety of self, others, and animals
* Ability to speak to people without judgement
* A strong sense of curiosity and ability to observe
* Comfortable with **blood, guts, raw meat**, **live and dead rodents, and excrement**

\* **If you don’t have your rabies pre-exposure vaccine, the variety of animals you care for is limited.** Two weeks after the 2-shot series is complete, you will need a rabies titer to be approved to work with rabies vector species (bats, skunk, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, groundhogs). Rabies vaccination is required for working with mammals at a veterinary clinic, zoo, nature center, and other animal-related jobs.

**To apply, submit an application packet, which includes:**

1. Completed application
2. Two letters of recommendation with contact information

Send your complete packet to Katie Lee

* 1. via email, poconowildlife@gmail.com. Save the file as a single PDF titled “Last Name\_Intern Application” with the email titled “Internship Application”.
	2. Or, mail to:
	Katie Lee
	The Wilderz at Pocono Wildlife

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