

Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center Internship Program Information

Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization licensed by USF&WS, PA Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and USDA to provide humane, professional care for injured, orphaned and sick wildlife native to the Commonwealth of PA. In addition, education is provided to groups and individuals to improve their understanding of and appreciation for wildlife and to prevent injury or illness to these people.

Interns assist in many ways while learning specific skills.
Activities they will be involved in include:

- Intake, evaluation and gathering of information from the public
- Identification of species of animals
- Assessment of animals upon arrival, and during the course of treatment
- Creating a treatment plan
- Selecting specific treatments and calculating dosages
- Learning to ensure personal safety and the safety of others
- Public interaction skills
- Sanitation
- Dietary provision (selecting, preparing and providing of nutrition to animals)
- Observation, observation, observation (of behaviors, treatment, things found in the cage, on the animals, etc)
- Questioning of anything related to medical, behavioral, interaction, identification of any animal, activity or treatment
- Release criteria for wildlife ready for return to the wild- where, when, why.
- Assisting with educational programs and open house day

Prerequisites:

- Work ethic- shows up on time on the days agreed upon
- Concern for safety of self, others and the animals
- Ability to speak to people
- Rabies prophylactic vaccine if intern wishes to work with raccoons, foxes, coyotes, bats, groundhogs- besides it looks very good on a resume!
- A very strong sense of curiosity and ability to observe