

Chimps Incorporated Internship Program

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Intern Position:

Chimps Incorporated is a non-profit wildlife sanctuary, located in Bend, Oregon. Our mission is to further chimpanzee conservation through education while providing a refuge for animals that have come from a variety of backgrounds: roadside zoos, the entertainment world, and the private sector. We currently have eight chimpanzee residents and two Siberian lynx. Our internship program offers the unique opportunity to live and work with these animals and experience all aspects of sanctuary life. The dedication and commitment of interns not only helps us in the operation of the sanctuary, but it is a vital component of our educational mission.

Interns will be responsible for cleaning animal enclosures, creating enrichment, preparing diets, washing dishes and laundry, gardening, and otherwise maintaining the facilities. In addition to husbandry, there will be daily educational workshops dealing with various topics pertaining to captive and wild chimpanzees. Interns will complete a project that they will present to the Chimps Inc. team.

Interns will work 5 1/2 days of the week; five of these days will be from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and the half day will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Since the sanctuary operates seven days a week, the intern's day(s) off may fall on any day. This program is labor intensive but will be very rewarding to those who are dedicated, motivated and willing to learn.

Interns are accepted throughout the year and are asked to stay for a minimum of four weeks. We believe that interns benefit the most from our program if they extend their stay. Lodging and educational materials will be provided to all interns for a cost of \$85.00 per week. This includes a bedroom, shared kitchen, bathroom, living area, and all utilities.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Primate experience is not required. Interns should be dedicated, work well both with others and individually, be a self-starter, have a good work ethic, good communication skills, and a positive attitude. Because this program is labor intensive, applicants should also be in good physical condition. College level coursework in primatology, animal behavior, psychology and/or anthropology are beneficial but not necessary. Documentation of current TB test, tetanus shot, Hepatitis B series, and health insurance coverage.

Chimps Inc. Internship Application

Date_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email address_____

Date of Birth_____ M/F_____

Dates Available: From_____ to _____(month/day/ year)

On a separate piece of paper or on a video tape please answer the following questions:

1. How did you hear about Chimps Incorporated?
2. Have you ever worked with chimpanzees or other primates before? If yes, explain
3. Have you ever worked at a sanctuary before? If yes, explain
4. Have you ever worked with other animals? If yes, explain
5. Have you ever worked with children? If yes explain
6. Have you taken any college courses related to primates, conservation, animal care or psychology? If yes, explain.
7. What do you feel you can offer Chimps Inc.?
8. What do you expect to learn or gain from your experience at Chimps Inc.?
9. What are your strengths?
10. What are your weaknesses?
11. What are your future goals? (2 years, 5 years, 10 years)
12. What three words best describe you?
13. Do you work well with others? Can you lead as well as follow? Give an example.
14. What are your hobbies and interests?
15. Have you ever been away from home for an extended period of time?
16. Do you have any physical or psychological conditions that may hinder you from participation in some activities?