



Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

At Loxahatchee River District
2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458
Main Office: (561)-575-3399 Facsimile: (561)-744-5288



Internship Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E- mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Numbers: _____ cell home work (circle one)

Occupation and Employer: _____

Special Skills and Hobbies: _____

Previous or Current Experiences: _____

Education Level: _____

Any allergies, physical disabilities, or other limitations that may require accommodation or may restrict your experience? _____

- Interested applicants must submit **cover letter** and **resume** along with **internship application form**.
- Please number in order your preference for departments.

	Education Internship	Participants assist with community engagement and environmental education programs. Duties includes helping with daily programs, tours, and lectures, learning information about Florida wildlife and habitats, greeting guests, providing information and answer questions to enhance visitor experiences.
	Animal Keeper Internship	Participants that desire a career in animal care to gain hands on experience in zoological setting. Duties include a variety of tasks including diet preparation, feeding, providing enrichment, habitat maintenance, and administering medications.
	Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship	Participants focus on learning and gaining experience in the clinical operations of a wildlife rehabilitation hospital. Duties include but are not limited to husbandry, animal handling and restraint, feeding, observation, admitting patients, answering phones, weighing, and record keeping.



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Requirements

The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary Internship program has a 3-month commitment with 3 shifts (8 hours) requirement. We are dedicated to educating our interns and with that comes a lot of training. Making this commitment will ensure enough time for training and being able to be fully involved in the rehabilitation process, education programs, and animal care. The internship is for those interested in multi-species animal care. This internship is an **unpaid**, entry level internship for those wishing to gain experience. Intern must complete 380 hours over a 12-week period. (including but not limited to weekends and holidays). Often requires walking, standing, and bending. Regularly requires stooping, crouching, climbing ladders/steps, carrying up to 50 lbs., sitting, kneeling, balancing, pushing and pulling, crawling, working with tools, and working in tight spaces. Although this internship will better equip individuals for a job in the wildlife field, this internship does not guarantee employment with the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

Risk Factors

Interning at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary can be a very rewarding experience. Interns will have the opportunity to meet other people with similar interests, learn about nature and wildlife, help injured animals, and assist the Sanctuary in teaching visitors about Florida's natural resources.

Even though many safety features have been installed in the animal enclosures, working with wild animals can be dangerous. The Sanctuary's staff will do their best to help interns learn about working with these types of animals. However, because interns often work in close proximity to live animals there is always the potential to be injured, bitten or scratched. Simply being aware of this fact, using common sense, taking proper care as you work, and asking staff for assistance when you have a question will go a long way towards preventing any injuries.

Although most of the permanent residences at the Sanctuary have received vaccinations, the injured animal patients that are brought in for care have not. By interning to work at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, you must understand that you are accepting certain risks. It is impossible for the Sanctuary to guarantee your safety while you are interning your time. We welcome interns to donate their time, but they must do so at their own risk!

Certification

I certify that I have read and understand the application and that the answers and statements given by me are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false information, omissions or misrepresentations of facts called for in the application may result in rejection of my application or dismissal at any time. I authorize the company, and/ or its agents, including consumer reporting bureaus, to verify any of this information including, but not limited to, criminal history and motor vehicle driving records. I release all persons, schools, companies and law enforcement authorities from any liability for any damage whatsoever for issuing this information. I understand that the use of illegal drugs is prohibited. If company policy requires, I am willing to submit to drug testing to detect the use of illegal drugs.



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Non-Disclosure Agreement

It is the policy of BWS that all information concerning any past or present employees or patients is considered confidential. Any discussion or posting of information of photos regarding any patients or employees is strictly prohibited. When working in the hospital, a volunteer may be exposed to privileged information pertaining to a wildlife patient. That information is not to be shared with the general public or any person outside of the Sanctuary. **Questions from the media shall be answered by the Executive Director, or by the person(s) designated by the Exe. Director.** No photographs should be taken IN enclosures or in the wildlife hospital without obtaining permission from a Director. Any violation of this agreement will result in immediate dismissal. By signing your application on the designated line, you confirm acknowledgement and agreement of the above policy.

I understand and agree that I am not to disclose or reveal any confidential information or photos relating to BWS to any unauthorized individuals outside of BWS. Any acknowledgment or witness of said breach of the agreement above shall be reported immediately to your immediate supervisor.

Waiver and Release

In consideration of my acceptance as an intern, I, or my heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and the Loxahatchee River District and all officers, directors of those entities: as well as sponsors, producers, their agents, representatives, successors and assigns of all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses which I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this course of conduct. ("Intern at Busch Wildlife Sanctuary"), including travel to or from interning, and including injuries which may be suffered, or caused by me before, during or after my volunteering service. I understand that this waiver includes any claims based on negligence, action or inaction of any of the above parties. I specifically assume any and all duties arising from volunteering at Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. I will indemnify Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and the Loxahatchee River District from any and all harm caused by me, and any member of my family, which may arise from my participation in volunteering at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

Interns must sign the Certification and the Waiver and Release below before they can begin interning their time. Parental signature is also required if the interns is under 18 years of age.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Parental Signature

Print Name

Date