

Volunteer Career Experiences Internship and Practicum Area Descriptions



Conservation and Sustainability:

The Conservation and Sustainability Volunteer will assist the Education Department with communication, implementation, and participation in conservation and sustainability initiatives. The Conservation and Sustainability volunteer must be driven and possess ability to be proactive and self-sufficient. All Career Experience Volunteers must be proactive in the development of a personal project that supports zoo goals and will continue to benefit the zoo upon completion of term. Majority of experience will be focused on personal project.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in box turtle survey
- Assist with FrogWatch social media posts
- Participate in at least one FrogWatch group observation
- Participate in zoo and FOSZ conservation committees
- Identify several sustainability issues pertinent to zoo operations and/or community education that the zoo could improve upon in operations and/or communication
- Perform background research on conservation or sustainability topic using peer-reviewed journals
- Create a plan of action to implement goals around implementation of conservation/sustainability action
- Develop a budget for division approval, if needed, to implement conservation/sustainability action
- Develop relationships with community partners to strengthen conservation/sustainability actions
- Create educational materials about conservation/sustainability actions including but not limited to posters, pamphlets, social media posts, and website content
- Develop and present table-top activity for zoo guests to interact with that demonstrates the need for and importance of zoo guests to participate in conservation/sustainability action.
- Assist zoo in implementation of conservation/sustainability action in a way that the zoo can sustain once intern term completes.

Requirements

- At least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Currently enrolled in college and have completed at least 15 hours or be a recent graduate, within the last 2 years.
- Participants must be able and willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Be proficient in the English language