Conservation Education – Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park

The aim of Conservation Education is to positively influence our guests’ knowledge, attitudes and behaviors about wildlife and wild places. To assist in achieving this goal, three intern positions are available under the Conservation Education Department in Disney’s Animal Programs at Disney’s Animal Kingdom® Theme Park. Applicants who are selected will be assigned to a specific area under the Conservation Education Department based upon their qualifications and interests. Those three internships are:

- Group Education
- Guest Education
- Community Education

Responsibilities:
Primary responsibilities for each role include assisting in the development and presentation of interpretive guest experiences that inspire wildlife conservation action. The Disney Professional Interns work closely with the Education Curators and/or Managers to develop inspirational and interpretive experiences, research and compile information to assist in education programming and assist with specified projects as assigned.* * This Disney Professional Internship does not include any direct animal contact as part of the regular duties. All daily animal husbandry and care is provided by our Animal Keeper Staff.

*Disney’s Animal Programs Group Education*
This Group Education Professional Intern will gain experience in teaching structured group programs for adults as well as students in grades 2-12 and assist with curriculum development and with program coordination.

Day-to-Day Responsibilities:

- Teaching – 45%
  - Teach programs designed for a national audience of adults, as well as programs designed for groups of students from around the country, grades 2-12.
- Projects/Program Development - 45%
  - Research program information.
  - Assist with program revisions and updates.
  - Work on projects as directed by leadership team. This includes Internet research, documentation of new information and resource searches.
- Supervision/Program Coordination – 10%
  - Set up program materials for both student and adult programs.
  - Communicate with program partners.
  - Maintain an inventory of supplies.
  - Attend meetings concerning Disney’s Animal Programs/Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park, Youth Education Series and parks as needed.
  - Assist with training, as needed.

*Disney’s Animal Programs Guest Education*
This Professional Internship is located at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park and focuses on the guests, mostly families, who visit our theme park. The Guest Education Disney Professional Intern works directly for the Curator on
Web site content development, visitor studies projects and conservation poster creation, as well as assisting coordinators with support, leadership and coaching of the Education Presenter Team in the theme park.

Day-to-Day Responsibilities:

- **Teaching – 20%**
  - Interact with guests by creating Magical Moments and providing one-on-one interactions through the Kid’s Discovery Clubs.
- **Program/Project Development – 50%**
  - Assist in developing conservation messages shared with our guests.
  - Complete projects driven by the Curator.
- **Supervision/Program Coordination – 30%**
  - Assist coordinators in supporting the front-line Education Presenter Team.

Disney's Animal Programs Community Education
The Community Education Disney Professional Intern supports programs designed for children living in the Central Florida community, grades K-12. Through offerings such as Children’s Hospital Programs and week-long winter, spring and summer camps, this internship offers opportunities to teach within an informal zoo and aquarium setting, develop programmatic informational and marketing materials and assist with new curriculum development. Community Education programs occur across the Walt Disney World® Resort within Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park, The Seas with Nemo & Friends® Pavilion at Epcot®, the Tri-Circle D Ranch®, Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge® and within the Central Florida community.

Day-to-Day Responsibilities:

- **Teaching – 30%**
  - Teach winter, spring and summer camp programs as a counselor for students in K-7th grade.
  - Interact with guests at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park during daily Magical Moments.
  - Support on-stage guest interactions and microphone presentations at The Seas with Nemo & Friends Pavilion at Epcot.
  - Teach and support new programs which may be in development.
- **Program/Project development – 60%**
  - Assist with the development of curriculum for upcoming camp programs.
  - Assist with program revisions and updates.
  - Develop informational and marketing materials to promote Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park and Community Education programs.
  - Work on projects as directed by the leadership team. This could include activities such as special events, community outreach, Internet research, documentation of information, etc.
- **Program Support – 10%**
  - Set-up program materials for the Children's Hospital Programs.
  - Support instructors during Hospital Programs and facilitate room visits with Disney Characters and Animal Keepers.
**Required Qualifications:**
You must meet the required qualifications in order to apply for the internship.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Junior, senior or recent college graduate
- Life or Environmental Sciences, Education, Biology, Marine Science, Zoology, Recreation or related majors
- Experience working with the public in a formal or informal learning setting (i.e. zoo, aquarium, museum, science center or classroom)
- Public speaking experience
- Excellent writing skills
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office programs
- **MUST have participated in an Animal Programs Professional Internship prior to applying**

**Required Materials:**

Please have the following documents saved electronically in your personal computer:

- Résumé (outlining all of your required qualifications)
- Cover letter detailing your qualifications and interest
- College transcripts (official or unofficial)

Please Note:
You may be contacted after your application has been reviewed to turn in additional support materials.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to email **wdw.animal.program.interns@disney.com**.