

Animal Care Intern (Paid)

Share our passions for animals with us! With your help, we can strive to be the BEST little Zoo in Michigan. As a champion for animals and children, we create extraordinary experiences for all. The Saginaw Children's Zoo seeks individuals who wish to provide our visitors and the community with engaging encounters.

Be a part of something BIG! As one of the zoos and aquariums accredited by the AZA, we offer programs and experiences unmatched by many while creating a family-friendly atmosphere in the heart of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Title: Animal Care Internship (paid)

Description: The Saginaw Children's Zoo is looking for individuals new to the zoo field who are interested in gaining practical, on-the-job experience caring for invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Under the mentorship of experienced animal care professionals, intern responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Daily husbandry of animals
- Evaluating animal welfare
- Preparing diets
- Record keeping
- Providing enrichment
- Public interaction and visitor engagement
- Assisting in veterinary procedures as assigned

A successful candidate for this position has a positive attitude, a teamwork-oriented mindset, a strong work ethic, is dependable, communicates well in both oral and written formats, and is interested in learning new skills.

This is a full-time (40 hr/week), paid position for six (6) months.

Experience: Unpaid experience **OR** less than one (1) year paid experience in an animal care setting. This position is intended to provide an introduction to a career as an animal care professional in an AZA-accredited institution. Individuals with more than one year of paid experience in an animal care setting will not be considered.

Position Requirements:

Four-year college degree in related field
Experience working on a team

Effective communication skills, verbally & written
Computer competency and proficiency with Microsoft Office
Ability to work on projects independently under direction
Ability to manage time effectively
Ability to work in inclement weather & difficult situations
Ability to work a flexible schedule including holidays, weekends, evenings and emergency situations.
Ability to lift and maneuver 50 lbs. on a regular basis
Ability to work safely around allergens such as hay, straw, and grass
Ability to follow all procedures, protocols and policies.

Salary: \$11.16/hr

How to Apply:

Visit our website, www.saginawzoo.com. In the "Careers" section, click on "Apply Now" to fill out an application.

Please send resume and cover letter to appliedhrsolutions@saginawzoo.com.

Questions or need a hard copy application? Email appliedhrsolutions@saginawzoo.com.

About the Company

We are Champions for animals and children; We create extraordinary experiences for all. Our vision is to be the BEST little Zoo in Michigan! We are situated on 10 acres of landscaped paths featuring beautiful gardens, animal exhibits, and the region's only hand-carved carousel. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) since 2009 we are home to over 190 animals.