

Community Engagement & Inclusion Intern

Note: This intern does not participate in animal husbandry, nor do they have contact with animals.

Timeframe: Flexible on exact start and end date (at least 12 weeks)

Salary/Hourly Rate: Unpaid

Diversity Statement: Valuing diversity at Potter Park Zoo by creating an inclusive, equitable and accessible environment for our employees, volunteers and community.

Position Summary: The Potter Park Zoological Society is offering an unpaid internship in Community Engagement & Inclusion. This internship can be either part-time (20 hours) or full-time (40 hours). This intern will work directly with the Community Engagement & Inclusion Specialist in building and strengthening the zoo's diversity strategies and initiatives for enhancing inclusion and belonging. This includes training in DEAI and participating in multiple planning meetings, both internally at the zoo and with community and DEAI partners. The intern will also be directly involved with the zoo's community outreach programming, including Zoo in Your Neighborhood and FALCONERS.

The award-winning Zoo in Your Neighborhood provides free access to the zoo through family zoo passes and unique educational programming at community partner sites throughout the tri-county region. These programs are done offsite at the partner location.

FALCONERS is designed to allow children or adults of all ages with special needs and unique challenges (such as autism or developmental disabilities) and their whole family to have an enriching educational experience in a safe, welcoming and sensory friendly environment. This event is monthly and free to those who register.

Essential Functions:

- Work on data entry for the above programs
- Assist the coordinator in planning and presenting of the programs
- Developing activities for the FALCONERS program that are relevant to the theme of that event
- Work on the zoo's DEAI initiatives including being part of the committee
- Attend any meetings, work days, or staff development as required
- This position requires working indoors and outdoors as well as traveling around the mid-Michigan area to present in front of groups of people
- On-site hours will generally be during the week. There will be some required weekend and evening events/programs.

Qualifications/experience:

- High school diploma required
- Not required but encouraged to be actively pursuing Associate or Bachelor degree in any subject matter
- Knowledge of current events affecting diversity, equity, access and inclusion
- Ability to work with a culturally diverse workforce
- Ability to speak in public or be willing to learn
- Ability to use a computer and work with computer applications and platforms such as MS Office (PowerPoint, Excel, Word)
- Ability to cope and perform well in a fast-paced and deadline-oriented work environment
- Working with those with special needs (such as autism and other developmental disabilities)

How to apply:

Send a cover letter and resume to Community Engagement & Inclusion Specialist, Mariah Martinez at mmartinez@ingham.org.

Or by mail:

Attn: Mariah Martinez
Potter Park Zoo
1301 S Pennsylvania Ave
Lansing, MI 48912

Position requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to pass a background check

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