



## INTERPRETATION INTERNSHIP

Do you want to inspire a Passion to Conserve the Natural World? As an interpretive intern you will have the opportunity to gain experience in presenting thematic interpretive programs, operate guest stations, and develop your knowledge on a variety of topics including conservation, wildlife biology, botany, history and park management.

Applicants must be college students or recent graduates majoring in the natural, physical or cultural sciences, communication, education, natural science interpretation or recreation and resources management. As part of your internship, you will receive training in methods that were developed by Birmingham Zoo's ROADMAP program in partnership with Denver Zoo and the National Association for Interpretation's Certified Interpretive Guide Course.

**JOB TITLE:** Unpaid Interpretation Intern

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This supervised interpretation position interacts directly with guests, volunteers, and other Zoo staff. Upon completion of training, the placement consists of:

- Assisting in development and presentation of interpretive experiences to school and family groups. Will also have the opportunity to assist in education programs and activities throughout the Zoo.
- Working closely with other interpretive staff members and volunteers in locations such as the Chipangali Research Station and the new Giants of the Amazon exhibit.
- Learning to make positive contributions to enhance the guest experience at the Birmingham Zoo.

**DATES OF SERVICE:** Unpaid Internship lasts the duration of the semester and is open until filled.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Applicants will be ranked according to their knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to work with all age groups
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Customer-service oriented and enthusiastic about providing guest's an enriching experience
- Ability to communicate effectively, both speaking and writing
- Experience or interest in interpretation and/or environmental education

### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Must successfully pass a required background investigation
- Requires frequent walking for long distances and over uneven terrain; will also stand for long periods of time
- Will be expected to wear the approved Zoo uniform and observe the same personal appearance standards required of all Zoo Adult Volunteers and Staff
- Must be able to work a set schedule of 10 hours a week, which will include flexible hours, evenings, holidays, and/or weekends
- Frequent exposure to the outside elements and summer heat can be expected.

### BENEFITS

- Provides opportunities for cross-training with other Zoo departments
- Observe and participate in interpretive training and conservation lessons
- Receive first-hand experience in an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited institution

### APPLICATION

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) to fill out the internship application.