

# **WOLF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER**

## **INTERN EXPERIENCE JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Wolf Education and Research Center's (WERC) Internship is a multi-disciplinary experience that provides instruction and hands-on learning in many areas associated with captive animal care, naturalist interpretation regarding gray wolf biology, remote camp living skills, and gray wolf behavior. The duties of interns vary highly due to this wide range of potential experiences. Additionally, duties and concentrations for each intern period depend on the season of the internship, and the desired learning of each individual. The below list of duties is not inclusive, but represents potential tasks and learning topics for interns:

- Interns live in WERC's remote camp facility, devoid of electricity, plumbing, and phone service. Woodstoves are utilized in cold months for heat. Warmer months are typically easy living in camp, but the cold, long winter months become a challenge to survive comfortably. Interns are expected to live relatively independently in camp, but share a kitchen and some camp duties with other interns.
- Interns are trained how to safely and effectively handle and care for captive wolves according to WERC policy. Interns are then expected to take part in the daily hands-on care of WERC's captive wolves.
- Interns are trained in naturalist/interpretive skills, then expected to perform informative presentations to all ages of the public in both small and large (up to 30 people) groups. Interns staff the WERC Visitor Center and provide informal talks on wolf topics to visitors and complete merchandise transactions.
- Interns assist in wolf food preparation and gathering, including handling large dead animals and slaughtering them if necessary.
- Interns assist in providing a safe environment for the captive wolves by maintaining security for the 300-acre facility.
- Interns provide general maintenance and upkeep of the trails, displays, Visitor Center, and visitor facilities.
- Interns assist or individually develop new interpretive displays.
- Other duties as assigned.

Due to the variety of duties, interns are supervised by two primary staff members (Biologist/Camp Director and Assistant Biologist) according to the assigned task.

Interns are expected to work 6 days/week, and receive a \$100/week stipend. WERC provides housing and essential housing amenities. Interns are expected to provide their own food. Working hours per week vary according to the duties assigned and other unforeseen factors, but interns typically work around 40-50 hours per week. Due to the variety of tasks and unknown weather or visitor loads, interns' working schedules must remain flexible; hence a flexible attitude is desired.

Applicants should be currently involved or recently graduated from a college/university. Students from all disciplines are welcome to apply, however studies relating to wildlife conservation, biology, education, or veterinary science are preferred. International students are welcome. To investigate this exciting opportunity further, and to apply, please visit our Intern page at: [wolfcenter.org/site/about-us/interns](http://wolfcenter.org/site/about-us/interns)