



Zoo Exhibit Interpretation Intern

Butterfly Pavilion is looking for an individual with an interest in interpretation of environmental sciences and animals and plant ecology, superior customer service skills and a love of educating visitors about the natural world. This is a great opportunity for those seeking hands-on experience in environmental education, interpretation, and museum studies.

Organization Description: Butterfly Pavilion combines science education with interactive fun to teach visitors about invertebrates and conservation. Invertebrates- animals without backbones, make up 97% of all animal species on the planet! Our zoo is designed to showcase the diversity of these small wonders, their habitats, and the big role they play in ensuring the health of our environment. Five immersive exhibits, including a tropical rainforest filled with 1600 free-flying butterflies, provide visitors of all ages with an unforgettable experience. We are the zoo of small wonders and BIG experiences!

Mission: Butterfly Pavilion's mission is to foster an appreciation of invertebrates while educating the public about the importance of conservation of threatened habitats in the tropics and around the world.

Responsibilities:

- Interacting with guests as they explore Butterfly Pavilion's Exhibits
- Facilitating play-based learning and providing educational information to guests of all ages.
- Utilizing live animals to demonstrate science-based concepts to guests.
- Assisting in daily public programming.
- Creating meaningful interaction between the exhibit and guests for a deeper and more thoughtful experience and to make connections between exhibit topic, conservation and daily life.
- Collaborating with Education and Exhibits Department to develop and implement new curricula or programs.

Qualifications:

- Pursuing or holding a degree in education, environmental sciences, biology or related fields
- Comfortable interacting with guests of all ages – enjoyment, enthusiasm, patience, sense of fun
- Interest in invertebrates, conservation, and environmental education
- Willingness to handle animals (all training provided onsite)
- Criminal background check
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age
- *Individuals of all ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply*

Reports to: Interpretation Coordinator

Duration of Internship: 3-5 months, ideally aligning with Spring, Summer or Fall semesters

Hours per week: 2-3 days per week/16-24 hours per week

Application Deadlines:

- Spring Term - November 1st, 2017 (***EXTENDED*** to February 7th, 2018)
- Summer Term - April 1st, 2018
- Fall Term - July 1st, 2018

Stipend: Unpaid; school credit can be earned for this internship in most cases

To Apply: Click here to apply <https://butterflies.applicantpro.com/jobs/574295.html>, or email a resume and a cover letter to Mindy Clawson, Interpretation Coordinator, mclawson@butterflies.org.