

## **Cheetah Internship**

The Cheetah Department at Wildlife Safari offers an exciting, hands-on, and unique internship program. This three-month, non-paid internship deals almost exclusively with the Cheetah Department, one of the top breeding programs in the country which has produced over 161 cheetah cubs since the park's opening. This internship opportunity is geared toward individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in animal care and/or conservation. A strong affinity for cheetahs is a must. The intern chosen will help the keepers do everything needed to care for and maintain the cheetah breeding and cheetah education programs.

The Cheetah Department is very hands-on as we work inside the pens with the cheetahs every day. This is not to say that we have our hands on the cheetahs. Most of our cheetahs are mother-raised and act very much as wild cheetahs do. We do have one hand-raised female named Taini, who acts as the park's ambassador and is trained to walk on a leash and attend off-site events. A typical day in the cheetah department might include: cleaning/scrubbing/bleaching pens, picking up dinner leftovers, medicating, cutting meat, moving cats, feeding, observing, training, exhibit maintenance, preparing enrichment and diet, walking Taini, etc.

### **Requirements:**

- Must have at least two years toward a college degree in an animal related field
- Preferred to have some animal related experience
- Personal vehicle and valid driver's license
- Negative TB test
- Good people skills
- Able to speak to the public both individually and in a presentation setting

The internship is unpaid for a period of three months. Off-site housing is offered for a small fee (no pets allowed). Transportation is NOT provided.

There are four sections of the internship: Winter (December-February), Spring (March-May), Summer (June-August) and Fall (September-November). Deadline is 2 months prior to the start of the session. (Example: Fall deadline is July 1st. Interviews start the second week in July.) When sending your resume and cover-letter please specify which session(s) you are applying for.

Send resume, cover letter, and references to:

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