



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP

Fall 2026

Currently accepting applications | Course credit available

Position Summary

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is offering an internship opportunity in wildlife rehabilitation, animal care, and public education.

Interns will work alongside wildlife specialists to:

- Care for native wildlife admitted to the wildlife rehabilitation program, including assisting with feeding, cleaning, medicating, and supportive care for a variety of species
- Clean, feed and provide daily care for resident animals; assist with animal handling, health monitoring, enrichment, exhibit management, and general husbandry
- Assist with public education and wildlife programs for a variety of audiences and ages
- Provide support with departmental administrative and organization duties as needed

Schedule

Internships run from the beginning of May through mid-late August. Interns work 4 days each week (Sunday-Saturday) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at least one 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. shift. Please include your availability and available start date in the application.

Compensation

Interns may receive a stipend and may qualify for course credit.

Qualifications

Applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree or have completed at least 2 years of coursework in pre-vet, environmental science, biology, zoology, or a related field; or be seriously pursuing a career in a related field. Prior animal-care experience or experience working with wildlife is strongly preferred. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applicants must be willing to adhere to organization policies including COVID-19.

Other qualifications include:

- The ability to work as part of a team
- A high level of self-motivation
- The capability to prioritize tasks in a fast-paced environment
- Effective communication skills
- A passion for wildlife education and conservation
- Experience with Microsoft Office software
- Physical ability to perform manual work such as loading/pushing wheelbarrows, lifting up to 50 pounds, etc.
- Valid driver's license

Application

Cover letter, resume and 2 letters of recommendation should be submitted to kylek@lensc.org with the subject line "Wildlife Internship."

Application deadline: September 11, 2026

Our Mission: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural universe.