



Animal Care- Nature Center Intern Spring 2026 Internship Opportunity

How to Apply:

→E-Mail Resume and Cover Letter to Cara Fernandes at Programs@QuogueWildlifeRefuge.org
→Include 'Animal Care/ Nature Center Intern Spring 2026' in Subject Line
→To be considered for an Interview & the Position: Include your weekday availability and any dates you cannot accommodate in your Cover Letter.

Organization Background: The Quogue Wildlife Refuge is a 305 acre non-profit nature preserve that was founded in 1934 and is home to diverse wildlife. Open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset, visitors can enjoy walking seven miles of trails to explore diverse habitats including forests and ponds, as well as the ecologically rare Dwarf Pines in the Pine Barrens. The Outdoor Wildlife Complex houses permanently injured wildlife that require human care to survive. The Charles Banks Belt Nature Center offers spectacular views of Old Ice Pond as well as a variety of wildlife exhibits, live animals, a nature library, and gift shop.

This is an Internship for a College Student studying Environmental, Educational or Animal related sciences.

Join us for an exciting opportunity to learn about the various wildlife and habitats of Long Island, to interact with and learn proper care for a variety of native and non-native species, and gain an understanding of how a non-profit organization operates.

Internship Details:

- Internship Duration: February through June.
- Daily hours: 9:00AM to 4:30 PM, Sundays and a Weekday.

Key Responsibilities:

- Will be trained to independently provide care, proper diet, and enrichment to the resident animals at QWR including permanently injured wildlife (raptors and an opossum), reptiles, insects, and mammals.
- Act as a representative of the Refuge by interacting with visitors to share knowledge about local wildlife and the Refuge's mission. This includes independently staffing the Nature Center: greeting visitors, answering phone calls, assisting with gift shop sales and program registrations, maintaining the neatness of the nature center for visitors and facilitating with other daily operations.
- Assist in environmental educational programming on occasion.

Benefits of the Internship:

- Gain experience caring for permanently injured wildlife, reptiles, insects and mammals.
- Gain in-depth knowledge about the wildlife and habitats of Long Island.
- Work with native and non-native animal species in an educational setting.
- Learn how a local non-profit organization operates and contributes to environmental conservation.

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