Adventure Aquarium Job Description

TITLE: **Intern – Birds & Mammals**

DEPARTMENT: **Husbandry**

REPORTS TO: **Curator – Birds & Mammals**

CLASSIFICATION: **Part-Time, Hourly, Minimum 120 Hours**
Registered for college credit

At HFE it is our goal to bring families closer together and to create memories worth repeating. Our Core Values – greatly exceeding guest expectations, serving others, creating emotional connections, constantly improving – give us purpose and guidance.

SUMMARY:

The position requires a dedicated individual who will take direction from the intern supervisor, Curator of Birds and Mammals, and the Husbandry Director. All duties will be assigned, mentored, tracked, reviewed and discussed between the intern and the area Supervisor. This includes all aspects of animal husbandry, exhibit maintenance and holding area maintenance. The position will participate in and assist with the birds and mammals care program, which will consist of food preparation, exhibit cleaning, collecting animal behavior data, and observing training sessions.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- As a member of the Husbandry team, you will lead by example by being patient, kind, humble, respectful, selfless, forgiving, honest and committed when interacting with one another and guests.
- Assist in providing for the needs of all animals in the mammal or avian exhibits by preparing diets, exhibit cleaning and holding building maintenance.
- Keeps work area clean and organized.
- Observe the training and care of the mammal collection
- At the direction of supervisors, interact with and respond to public requests for information
- Complete an assigned project which may include but is not limited to data entry, ethograms, enrichment device development, or behavior observation.
- Comply with safety and security directives, policies and procedures.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

MINUMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Currently enrolled in a biology or related field program receiving college credit.

- Previous animal experience. Emphasis should be on animal health and welfare.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule which may include weekends.

MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- In good health and capable of performing strenuous and/or heavy physical labor.
- No history of allergy related to animals or plants, which might interfere with ability to work.
- Ability to remain on feet for long periods of time, climb stairs, bend and stoop.
- Ability to work in all weather conditions.
- No impairment of sight, smell, hearing, touch, balance and agility of movement which might interfere with ability to work.
- Physical strength, including the ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Immunocompetence (possible exposure to infections and parasitic disease).

Note: Position will involve exposure to inclement weather, dust, potentially dangerous and unpredictable animal species, and potential dangerous machinery, restraint devices and toxic chemicals and/or drugs. Occasional use of protective clothing or equipment is required. (e.g. goggles, mask, gloves, and gowns)

YOU CAN EXPECT:

You can expect to work on projects that have never been done before – ideas that are unproven, and concepts that make people smile. You can expect to have fun and be treated with respect the minute you start…and through to the end. You can expect to work in an environment that is highly innovative and low in politics – truthful and filled with smart people!

And most of all, you can expect to work hard and make a difference in our world by helping to bring families closer together.