

# **Franklin Park Zoo**

## **A Birds' World**

A Birds' World has many unique species of birds such as the intelligent keas, large Andean condors, kiwis, flamingos, many passerines (smaller perching birds), emus and boat-billed herons to name a few. Other animals in our area that are of interest include reptiles, red kangaroos and invertebrates, (BUGS!).

The Animal Care Interns work directly with the zookeepers doing things like food preparation, feeding, cleaning of animal holding and exhibits, record keeping, and minor exhibit repair and maintenance. The Assistant Curator in this area will often assign interns their own routines and animals to care for to ensure interns are comfortable working with all of our different types of animals. In addition to participating in basic husbandry routines, interns will be able to observe behavioral conditioning programs of many of the species.



In the summer, interns in this area will interact with the public quite a bit in the seasonal exhibits. Birds' World has two interactive seasonal exhibits, Butterfly Landing, which is a walk-through exhibit filled with North American butterflies, and the Aussie Aviary, which is also a walk-through exhibit filled with colorful budgerigars that the guests can feed. Interns need to be comfortable speaking with guests to help in our goal of education. Interns in this area will spend time indoors and out and should be prepared for all types of seasonal weather.



## **Children's Zoo**

One of the most "hands on" areas of Franklin Park, the Children's Zoo includes many traditional farm species such as horses, chickens, pygmy goats, miniature horses, and Poitou donkeys, Interns will also have the chance to work with red pandas, prairie dogs, several species of birds including cranes and tragopans, and turtles in the newest addition to the Zoo New England, Nature's Neighborhood.

Interns first shadow Zookeepers, where they will be trained in basic animal husbandry and then work alongside them as they become more comfortable performing the routines on their own. Interns then will rotate through the routines to ensure a thorough and comprehensive intern experience. In addition to participating in basic husbandry routines, interns will be able to observe behavioral conditioning programs of many of the species.

## **Hooves & Horns**

Hooves & Horns is an area composed of high profile animals, including: giraffes, zebras, camels, lions, tigers, warthogs, cranes, and ostrich. Because most of the animals are potentially dangerous, interns do not work with the animals unsupervised, and there no direct contact. Interns will work with all species as dictated by the area needs. In addition to participating in basic husbandry routines, interns will be able to observe behavioral conditioning programs of many of the species. While interning in this area, you should expect heavy lifting, often in extreme environmental conditions. A typical day consists of preparing exhibits, cleaning barns, and working on afternoon projects. Expect to work largely outdoors, often completing seasonal tasks such as weeding and raking leaves. You must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs. unassisted, as this area completes their own supply deliveries. The experience of caring for the animals at Hooves & Horns makes the hard work worthwhile. Wear clothes that are presentable, but that you don't mind getting dirty or smelly. Closed durable footwear is required and work gloves are recommended. Rain and winter gear may be necessary as determined by the weather. Prepare to work hard and have lots of fun!



## **Tropical Forest**

The Tropical Forest at Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo is popular with interns year-round. Our varied routines afford you the opportunity to work with our vast collection of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Each intern will rotate through the three routines spending three weeks on each. The first routine includes free flight birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians. The second routine includes Baird's tapir, Giant anteater and Saddle-billed storks. The third routine includes Pygmy hippopotamus, capybara, waterfowl, fruit bats and ocelot. Your last week will be spent finalizing your intern project and you may have the opportunity to shadow the primate and carnivore keepers.

A keeper works closely with you on each routine to maximize your learning opportunities. There is very little direct contact with our animals and no direct contact with our primates.

Interns will have numerous opportunities to participate in diet preparation and enrichment for Franklin Park's only primate collection which includes Western Lowland gorillas, mandrill, pottos, lemurs and tamarins. In addition to participating in basic husbandry routines, interns will be able to observe behavioral conditioning programs of many of the species. Our large indoor environment is typically hot and humid and interns should expect to get dirty! Sturdy footwear, as well as waterproof or rubber rain boots is a must for the large amount of raking, shoveling and hosing necessary at the Tropical Forest.



## **Stone Zoo**

A sister Zoo to Franklin Park located in Stoneham MA, 15 miles north of Boston. Stone Zoo features jaguar, bear, spider monkey, otter, snow leopard, reindeer, and many more.



As an intern at the Stone Zoo, unlike other areas within Zoo New England, you will participate in routines throughout the entire zoo. Interns will train on all six Stone Zoo routines, availing themselves to work with all species, except primates. Interns do not work with primates and do not work with large cats by themselves. Cleaning and diet preparation is major part of the day as a zookeeper and as an intern. Every day the diets for the entire collection are made; it is a great opportunity to learn about the animals in our collection in a different yet important way. In addition to participating in basic husbandry routines, interns will be able to observe behavioral conditioning programs of many of the species living at the Stone Zoo including Jaguar, Bear, Spider Monkey, Otter, Snow Leopard, Reindeer, and many more. Interns are also encouraged to participate in keeper encounters at the zoo, where they will be responsible for talking with the public to educate them about certain aspects of the zoo.

Stone Zoo is not easily accessible by public transit; there is ample free parking for guests and employees.