



Vermont Institute of Natural Science Wildlife Keeper

TITLE: Wildlife Keeper

SUMMARY: The Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, Vermont, is currently seeking a strong candidate to fill the position of Wildlife Keeper. The Wildlife Keeper works closely with the Lead Wildlife Keeper and assumes full responsibilities in the Lead Wildlife Keeper's absence. The Wildlife Keeper understands and partakes in all aspects of managing an efficient and smoothly operating Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation.

The Wildlife Keeper trains and oversees the work performed by Interns and Volunteers related to the care of the wild animals entrusted to VINS. Additionally, the Wildlife Keeper is responsible for the overall health and well-being of the animals. The Wildlife Keeper is skilled in performing physical examinations on birds, diagnosing injuries, administering medications and fluids to birds, feeding, cleaning and maintaining the animal enclosures; observing and reporting unusual changes in behavior to supervisors; assisting with rehabilitation procedures; keeping detailed records for internal and state purposes; and educating the general public on basic wildlife issues.

The Wildlife Keeper understands the goals of VINS, its mission, and participates actively in the VINS community. The Wildlife Keeper also assumes an education and public relations role at VINS and should be comfortable in presenting details and concepts to the public.

REPORTS TO: Lead Wildlife Keeper, Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation

UPDATED: March 2019

Prerequisites

- At least three years of wildlife rehabilitation experience, preferably avian wildlife.
- Proven leadership and supervisory skills.
- A Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology or related field.
- Works well with the general public.
- Strong team relations.
- Organized and handles multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Proficient in Word, Excel and social media.
- Must be flexible with schedule; weekends and some holidays are expected.

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Candidate should possess the skill sets needed to perform the responsibilities listed below:

- Performs avian wildlife rehabilitation care, including initial triage and assessment, wound care management, fracture immobilization, dosing and administering medications and fluids as needed.
- Has an understanding or willingness to learn medical procedures using anesthesia.
- Trains and supervises multiple interns, seasonal staff, and volunteers on a daily basis.
- Other duties include facilities maintenance, not only for avian wildlife, but also for reptiles and amphibians.
- Performs husbandry care for permanent resident animals.
- Assists in accurate inventory in ordering supplies and food for the care of animals.
- Works collaboratively with the VINS Nature Center Education team in support of the outreach and onsite programs.

Compensation

Compensation is commensurate with experience. This is a full-time position with benefits according to the organization's personnel policy. This position consists of a five-day work week with some changes in schedule according to seasonal requirements.

To Apply

- Cover letter (must include dates of availability, career goals and interests relative to the position)
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- List of 3 references
- Application deadline is March 30, 2019

Send To

Lauren Adams and Grae O'Toole

Email application to: ladams@vinsweb.org and gotoole@vinsweb.org

Include the subject line: Wildlife Keeper

Please follow these instructions, otherwise your application will not be considered.

VINS' mission is to motivate individuals and communities to care for the environment through education, research, and avian wildlife rehabilitation.

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