BLUE RIDGE
Wildlife Center

The mission of Blue Ridge Wildlife Center is to protect and conserve native wildlife by integrating veterinary medicine, rehabilitation, public education, professional training, and research.

Wildlife Education Fellowship

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center – Boyce, Virginia
Supervisor: Education Director

Jumpstart Your Wildlife Education Career!

Are you passionate about wildlife and seeking experience in wildlife education? Join Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC), northern Virginia's only wildlife teaching hospital, for a year-long Wildlife Education Fellowship. This unique opportunity is perfect for those looking to grow their skills in animal care, educational program development, and public education programs while making a real impact on the conservation of native wildlife.

About Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

At BRWC, we specialize in the care and conservation of Virginia's native wildlife. Our team integrates wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary medicine, public education, and research to provide top-notch care to injured or orphaned animals. As a Wildlife Education Fellow, you'll be part of a mission-driven team dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of wildlife.

Why Apply for the Wildlife Education Fellowship?

Our fellowship is more than a job—it's an opportunity to gain wildlife education experience through hands-on work in a professional wildlife hospital and education center. Throughout the year, you will:

- Learn the fundamentals of wildlife care by working with a wide variety of native species through our education ambassadors.
- Develop leadership skills by training and supervising interns and volunteers.
- **Experience.**

Perks of the Fellowship:

- **Hands-On Wildlife Ambassador Care:** Participate in all aspects of daily operations, from feeding and cleaning to enclosure changes and data entry.
- **Mentorship & Leadership:** Receive direct training from experienced staff while leading the training of new interns and volunteers.
- **Professional Growth:** Set your own professional goals for the year, and potentially undertake a personal project to advance your career in wildlife education.
- **Community Living:** Shared housing is provided, giving you the opportunity to live and collaborate with fellow wildlife enthusiasts.
- **Content Creation Opportunities:** Optional opportunities to create social media content and contribute articles to BRWC's quarterly newsletter, The Ridgeline.

Key Responsibilities:

- Perform daily wildlife education tasks including ambassador care, feeding, cleaning, and enclosure maintenance.
- Administer medications when appropriate for the wildlife ambassadors.
- Maintain accurate records and ensure compliance with biosecurity protocols.
- Train and supervise volunteers and interns, helping to maintain the highest standards of care.
- Assist with overseeing management and respect of the provided housing with interns and veterinary students, and be the main point of contact between students and staff for any issues or concerns.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies, equipment, and food.
- Optionally participate in creating social media content for platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.

Qualifications:

- Current rabies vaccination or up-to-date rabies titers (required).
- At least 3 months or 400+ hours of experience in wildlife education.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation.
- Ability to stand for extended periods, lift up to 25 lbs., and work in all weather conditions.
- A positive attitude and strong passion for wildlife care.

What We Offer:

- Duration: 1 year (January-December) with housing at Stuart Hill Apartments in Winchester, VA
- Full-Time Position: 40+ hours per week, including weekends and holidays
- Pay: VA minimum wage
- Benefits: Paid time off (PTO) and 100% of health insurance premium covered (if you enroll in our group plan)

How to Apply for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Fellowship:

Ready to advance your career in wildlife education? Submit your resume including two references and a cover letter to **Education@blueridgewildlifectr.org during the open application window during the month of October**. Don't miss this chance to be part of the leading wildlife rehabilitation center in northern Virginia!