



CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER

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Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) is a 501c3 nonprofit nature center and wildlife hospital in Eugene, Oregon. The nature center is home to more than 30 resident raptors who live on exhibit and work in up-close encounters. The wildlife hospital treats over 500 injured, ill, and orphaned raptor patients every year. Our mission is to connect people with wildlife through public education and wildlife rehabilitation. The hospital and nature center help us achieve this mission by getting guests up close and personal with wildlife and helping them steward the wildlife in their communities.

Internships with CRC are immersive, hands-on learning opportunities. This internship splits time between the wildlife hospital and nature center. Under the guidance of our expert staff, interns will learn the ins and outs of animals care and management, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, educational program development and delivery, the application of operant learning techniques, and much more. Selection as a CRC intern is contingent upon successfully passing a background check.

Summer internship: 12 weeks, June-September*

Hours per week: 40

Compensation: \$15/hour, housing provided**

In the wildlife hospital, daily tasks may include:

- Enclosure cleaning and maintenance
- Diet preparation and feeding of rehabilitation patients
- Attending to our live mouse colony
- Hospital cleaning and maintenance
- Maintaining rehabilitation database and records
- Interfacing with members of the public who bring patients
- Assisting with patient rescues, treatments, releases, and renesting

In the nature center, daily tasks may include:

- Enclosure cleaning and maintenance
- Diet preparation
- Enrichment development and delivery
- Educational programming (formal and informal)
- Facility cleaning and maintenance
- Once trained and assessed, training and presenting with the ambassador team



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Desired qualifications:

- Knowledge of North American raptor ecology
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong observational skills
- Experience speaking publicly and to diverse audiences
- Experience in animal care and/or rehabilitation (preferred but not required)

You must be able to:

- Lift up to 50 lbs
- Work in inclement weather and on uneven terrain
- Work with deceased prey items
- Work safely with birds of prey
- Work occasional nights and weekends

*Start and end dates are flexible. Please be specific about your availability in your application.

**Housing is provided by CRC supporters who are vetted host families. Accommodations vary year to year but include, at minimum, a bedroom (may be shared with an additional intern) and access to shared kitchen and bathroom. Details about 2025 accommodations will be provided during the interview stage.