

HAMILL FAMILY PLAY ZOO

This area of Brookfield Zoo offers an intern a unique opportunity to work with a wide assortment of native, non-native wild, and domestic animals—from tiger salamandars and hawks, to lemurs and turtles.

With over 300 animals representing more than 70 species of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates, the Hamill Family Play Zoo displays an enormous diversity of wildlife.

Interns may participate in animal training programs, bird programs and a wide variety of zoo chats or informal animal presentations with guests.

A Hamill Family Play Zoo internship provides the opportunity for hands-on animal contact as well as extensive interaction with guests in the Zoo at Home (small animal touching experience), Enrichment Encounters and Keeper Kitchen demonstrations.

Interns receive practical, hands-on experience in keeper duties and learn many aspects of captive animal management. They will be exposed to record keeping, diet preparation, enclosure maintenance, and behavioral management.