

Do You Know.....about our internship program (part 1)?

This was a record year for interns, nine of them and two part-time as well! We should be used to how fantastic they always turn out to be and how much we depend on them, but every fall we still cry when we lose them back to school.

The first to arrive was Kelly, a senior at Hobart and William Smith College, fresh from her study abroad in South America. She wants to go into wildlife conservation or become a vet. She dove right into the work and soon become indispensable. Sadly, the first to arrive is always the first to leave. Strangely, she kept coming to visit us and may be the founder of a new fundraising activity you may see soon.

Next came Emily, a friendly and outgoing junior from Haverford College who has been gathering animals around her from a young age, but her "interest has not really revolved about the average 'dog and cat' care." After falling in love with pigeons, of all species, we can tell her tastes are not average.

Andrea drove one of the longest commutes to come do our dirty work, hailing from Columbia and attending Towson University as a senior this year. She is majoring in animal behavior and this internship should help towards earning her degree. She no doubt learned a lot about animal behavior here, especially those common scratching and biting behaviors.

Melissa F. brought us great Greek food, including baklava, which we devoured as quickly as she could cook it. She will be a senior at Washington College in Chestertown, MD this year and will have many opossum stories to tell upon her return. We are not entirely certain a few opossums did not mysteriously disappear this summer under her supervision. Hope they stay friendly!

Melissa D. was an old hand here at SCWC, having volunteered here last summer and decided she just had to spend an entire summer doing more. In fact, she thinks she is coming back next summer because we did not manage to convince her that this is not a job a normal person wants. Melissa is not a normal person, finding snakes "uuuuute!"

Sadly, I do not have enough room for all nine here, but next issue I will continue telling you about our incredible group of interns. As usual, we could not survive the summer without them and with you help, we can continue to reward them for their efforts. We received enough donations to pay for 3.5 interns this year (that is \$1000 for the ten 40-hour weeks of the internship). We hope to be able to reward every intern for what is an incredibly hard job to spend summer "vacation" doing.

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