

2023 Sample Schedule: Texas Zoo*

DAY ONE: ARRIVAL

Registration & Orientation

Introduction to Veterinary Medicine and Teaching Veterinary Staff

Setting Expectations & Goals

Days Two-Six are full day excursions on site at the Texas Zoo

DAY TWO: EXOTIC AND WILDLIFE MAMMALS

Introduction to Exotic and Wildlife Mammals

Field Class: Behavioral Observations

Animal Care Rotation^

Food Preparation

Enclosure Maintenance and Management

Animal Enrichment

Suture Lab

Movie Night

^Students will be split into three groups and rotate through each animal care activity

DAY THREE: LARGE & DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

Practice Physical Exams & Positive Reinforcement Training

Animal Care Rotation

Field Class: Zoo Ethics, Animal Welfare, and the Role of Zoos in Conservation

Bandaging Lab





DAY FOUR: REPTILES

Introduction to Reptile Care

Field Class: Veterinary Diagnostics

Parasitology Lab & Reptile Physical Examinations

Animal Care Rotation

Design & Create Enrichment Projects

DAY FIVE: AVIANS

Introduction to Avian Care

Small Group Work

- Radiograph Interpretation Lab

- Rabbit Physical Examinations

- Design "Keeper Talk" Projects

Exploring Pebble Beach

DAY SIX: CAREERS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE AND CONSERVATION

Present "Keeper Talk" Projects

Field Class: Jobs in Veterinary Medicine & Capture and Release or Rehab

Small Group Work

- Enclosure Design Workshop

- Blood Cytology Lab

- Final Animal Care Rotation

DAY SEVEN: CLOSEOUT AND DEPARTURE

Closing Session and Address: Program Debrief

Departure

**This sample schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of a typical program experience and is not intended to represent a specific 2023 schedule. The schedules and details vary between sessions.*