

# FUTURE PROFESSIONALS:

## Making a Difference for Wildlife!

**THE LAKE METROPARKS KEVIN P. CLINTON WILDLIFE CENTER IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** and wildlife rehabilitation facility. We offer exciting opportunities for college students to complete internships and “learn by doing.”

The facility is a great place for students interested in biology or related fields to gain hands-on experience with wildlife rehabilitation, interpretive programming, public speaking and wildlife enrichment.

Student interns are a valuable resource! They arrive with many ideas and skills that benefit projects, programs and animals. The students work a regular schedule for 6-8 weeks. As we spend time mentoring them, they in turn provide valuable energy and excitement; they are the next generation of “wildlife conservationists.” Many are passionate about “spreading the word” to their fellow students and in their communities.



*Wildlife Rescue Intern Zack Hribar at a rescue site.*

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our internship activities: wildlife rescue interns. These students have been taught the procedures necessary to deal with a wildlife rescue emergency in the field. They understand methods of capture and transportation for native Ohio wildlife and serve as traveling educators to assess wildlife concerns, such as orphaned wildlife and nuisance wildlife, and to assist local citizens with a wildlife-friendly solution to their problems. Funds from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust helped us fund the supplies needed to get this valuable program launched this spring (see the related article “Keeping the Wild in Wildlife” about a successful wildlife rescue).

We sincerely thank our summer interns and summer seasonal staff for their contribution and commitment. We are optimistic about the future of wildlife in the hands of these eager future professionals.



*Baby animals are often rescued and cared for at the Wildlife Center. Above: American kestrel and Virginia opossum*



If you are interested in becoming an intern at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, call 440-256-2131.