

Biology Advising Newsletter 4/07/2014

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1. Advising Meetings

Things have quieted down in the Advising Office, but we are still here if you need help!
Stop by.

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2. Graduating in December?

Go fill out your application for graduation in 140 Thackeray by July 7. It is easy and free!

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3. Summer Undergraduate Research Awards for Underrepresented Groups - now due April 21

Undergraduate Studies has received Commonwealth funding to support the summer research projects of two African American, Latino, or Native American students, and we would like to use these funds to provide Summer Undergraduate Research Awards to well qualified applicants.

<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/experience/summer-awards.html>

Questions: Patrick Mullen, Director of OUR, at 412-624-9150 or pjm57@pitt.edu

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5. Personal Care Attendant Job Opportunity - \$14/hour

Looking for students to assist an active woman with Multiple Sclerosis and quadriplegia with the activities of daily living and personal care. Must be committed and enthusiastic. No previous experience necessary. Female preferred. Must have own transportation to Mt Lebanon.

Looking for assistance for the summer with the opportunity to continue.

2 shifts needed:

Fridays 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Saturdays 8:30 am - 4:00pm

Every other weekend

Alternating Saturdays 5:30pm- 9:30pm &

Sundays 8:00am- 4:00pm

Every other weekend

Call Debbie or Bob at (412) 531-5227

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6. 2014 Pre-Professional Health Committee Application NOW LIVE!

<http://premed.honorscollege.pitt.edu/applications>

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7. Camp Counselors Needed for Muscular Dystrophy Association Kids Summer Camp

Each student that volunteers will earn 165 hands-on community service/volunteer hours for the week and receive a letter certifying hours earned. We are looking to recruit students to work as camp counselors at our summer camp.

Dates/Location: The overnight camp is scheduled for August 2-8th, 2014 at Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Fombell, PA (near Evans City) and volunteer orientation is scheduled for Saturday August 2nd.

Campers: Children ages 6-17 years-old that have one of 43 different neuromuscular diseases/conditions that are covered by the MDA. The camp serves an average of 60 kids per summer camp session.

Counselor job description:

- Each counselor becomes a companion to a camper with a form of muscular dystrophy and works with them one-on-one and in groups with daily activities such as eating, bathing, and dressing.
 - Counselors also assist campers with recreational activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, and horseback riding. Volunteer counselors say the experience is a special, life-changing experience.
 - Earn 165 community service/volunteer hours and build-up your resume
- Contact Information: Patty McGuire at pmcguire@mdausa.org call 412-823-4094 with further questions.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Sq_4Jb0Ty4

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8. ARL Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 4 volunteer positions

The babies are coming!!! The Wildlife Center is starting to receive baby squirrels. The Center's Baby Season or "Busy Season" will run until September or October. Volunteers make it possible for the Wildlife Center to care for a high volume of wildlife. The volunteer positions available this time of year include: Quality Care, Reception and Intake, Carpentry, and Woodworker volunteers.

Quality Care Volunteers assist with dishes and laundry, ensuring that all crucial items are ready for the patients. We also rely on these volunteers to help keep the kitchen clean. Our Quality Care volunteers assist with keeping the food dated and stocked so that the animals can receive the best care possible.

Reception and Intake Volunteers are the first people our animal rescuers meet! They help complete patient intakes and respond to phone calls from the public. This position provides the opportunity to learn a great deal about the natural history of native wildlife. On a typical day in the summer, the Center can receive 100+ calls pertaining to animals in need. Reception and Intake volunteers are the front-line for incoming calls. More animals can be helped when the callers have someone to talk them through their situation. Some animals may appear to be orphaned but are really old enough to be on their own, our trained volunteers can assist the caller with figuring out if an intervention is really needed. Reception and Intake volunteers also handle new animal intakes. During the busy season, it is possible to receive 30+ new patients per day! Having a Reception and Intake volunteer

helps free up the Rehabilitators so that they are able to focus on the treatment of animals in need.

Carpentry Volunteers play a vital role in our ability to offer appropriate living conditions. The everyday wear and tear on our cages and enclosures require regular maintenance. The Wildlife Center's number one priority is the treatment and safety of the animals. Carpentry Volunteers assist with the maintenance of a safe environment for the animals.

Woodworker Volunteers build and donate bird houses, bat boxes, and squirrel boxes to the center. These boxes also help us add variety to the animals' enclosure. Woodworkers build and donate the houses and boxes so that the Center can use them in release sights.

All volunteer positions are crucial to the everyday function and upkeep of the ARL Wildlife Center. We also offer days of service to interested organizations. Please contact Katie Heckert, Wildlife Center Volunteer Manager, at kheckert@animalrescue.org if you are interested in or have questions about volunteering.

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 6pm, Langley A219B

3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

3/4, 4/1, 4/15

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224

3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU

pittoptclub@gmail.com

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch

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PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B

pittprevet@gmail.com

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

PittBirdingClub@gmail.com

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

www.poms.us

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Until next week,

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