



JOB TITLE	Conservation Education Specialist - AmeriCorps		
REPORTS TO	Director of the World Center for Birds of Prey		
BASED AT (OFFICE LOCATION)	Boise, Idaho		
REGULAR/TEMPORARY	Temporary – 5.5 months	FULL/PART TIME	Full Time

THE PEREGRINE FUND

The Peregrine Fund was founded in 1970 to restore the critically endangered Peregrine Falcon, which was subsequently removed from the U.S. Endangered Species List in 1999. That success encouraged the organization to expand its focus and apply its experience and understanding to raptor conservation efforts on behalf of over 100 species in 65+ countries worldwide. The Peregrine Fund is non-political, solution-oriented and hands-on, with a mission to:

- Restore rare species through captive breeding and releases.
- Improve local capacity for conservation through training and support.
- Conduct scientific research on little known species and solve conservation problems.
- Provide environmental education.
- Conserve habitat.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Conservation Education Specialist is a position available through AmeriCorps. The member will design and carry out a variety of programs which will engage the public with the mission of The Peregrine Fund. Activities will be aligned with the interest of the successful applicant, but at a minimum will include public education about birds of prey and the importance of habitat conservation and restoration. An overarching project will include a habitat restoration project, the design and installation of a small interpretive trail, and the development of related programming. The heart of The Peregrine Fund’s Education Program is the Interpretive Center at The World Center for Birds of Prey where visitors meet live raptors from around the world. The Center provides a unique experience that engages the public about the importance of raptor conservation. The primary objective of the Conservation Education Specialist is to engage learners of all ages in the science of raptor conservation. Audiences include schools, community organizations / camps, and the general public.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCOPE

General (80%)

- Take lead in habitat restoration project, coordinate volunteers, and incorporate the grounds of the World Center for Birds of Prey into regular programming
- Schedule and lead tours and educational programs for various groups, including the general public, schools and camps, community organizations

- Conduct daily environmental education presentations as needed, often with live raptors
- Answer general questions and engage the visiting public about conservation issues
- Develop methods to diversify, publicize, and expand educational efforts
- With staff, conduct offsite educational and outreach programming
- Assist in the development of displays and exhibits
- Cultivate partnerships with outside entities to develop programs of mutual interest
- Collaborate with Peregrine Fund staff to support a variety of programs as needed

Operational (20%)

- Perform a variety of operational tasks at the Center (open/close, docent, tour guide, gift shop operations)
- Participate in the planning and coordinating of events
- Assist in raptor husbandry as needed; including food prep, training, and enrichment

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Passion for science, conservation, and education
- Ability to implement effective environmental education programming
- Interest in organizing and inspiring a dedicated community of volunteers
- Must be a flexible self-starter, and a team player
- Understand principles of customer service and crowd control
- Ability to coordinate multiple projects simultaneously
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Google Application suite
- Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in the biological sciences, environmental education, or related field
- Experience conducting conservation and/or education work
- Outstanding communication skills, both oral and written
- Foreign language skills a plus

WORKING CONDITIONS

Frequent close contact with large raptors. Exposure to dust, allergens, and hazardous materials is common. Required to move heavy objects as needed.