Collections Volunteer
Taxidermy Apprentice

The Cable Natural History Museum is providing a volunteer opportunity to assist with preparation of animal specimens for the Museum’s permanent collection.

Responsibilities

The volunteer will assist the Curator Naturalist with preparation of bird and small mammal taxidermy mounts and study skin specimens at the Cable Natural History Museum. If applicable, the volunteer may also assist with preparing catalog records and with basic conservation/maintenance of specimens. The work schedule will be flexible with outside obligations of volunteer and staff in mind.

Qualifications

No prior experience in preserving animals is necessary. We ask that the volunteer is prepared to learn hands-on skills as they work under the guidance of the Curator Naturalist.

A successful candidate will:

- Have some experience in sculpting, painting, and sewing
- Possess a basic knowledge of anatomy
- Be comfortable working with the internal parts of a deceased animal
- Have a desire to apply skills to future personal or professional endeavors

Benefits

The volunteer will complete training with the Curator Naturalist in basic taxidermy preparation (6-8 hours). Once training is complete, a stipend of $6.25/hour will be provided for up to 96 hours of work. The Curator Naturalist will be available to provide guidance as the volunteer develops their skills. Additional volunteer hours to develop skills will be available if interested (stipend not available after 96 hours of work).

To Apply

Please contact Mollie Kreb to discuss volunteer schedule and goals. Email mollie@cablemuseum.org or call (715) 798-3890.