

Ungulate Care Workshop

Managing Herds in Large, Open Areas and Hydraulic Squeeze Chute Operation The Wilds

Spring/Fall Dates Only—Course to coincide annual herd exam as animals are moved to and from pastures or winter holding.

Various antelope and deer species—moving groups and squeeze chute exams

Two Students per course.

Two full days with arrival the night before and departure on the third day.

Housing at Conservation Science Training Center cabins

\$300.00 per person—Course and housing. Plus \$25.00 TAG donation.

Example Course:

Day 1

- Travel to the Wilds, check into cabin, tour facilities if time allows

Day 2

- Meet staff in Animal Management Offices at 8:00 am. Tour Med Barn/animal handling area and review plan for day's activities.
- Assist Animal Management staff with transfer of animals from barns or yards into paddocks.
- Each student will be partnered with members of the Wilds Animal Management staff to observe and assist with different aspects of the procedures, including sorting and cutting out individual animals, moving the animals through the chutes, restraint in the hydraulic squeeze chute, and moving animals out of area to pasture or barns.
- Lunch with Animal Management Staff
- Work with Animal Management Staff to complete exams and/or daily routines
- Free evening

Day 3

- Meet staff in Animal Management Offices at 8:00 am. Tour Med Barn/animal handling area and review plan for day's activities.
- Assist Animal Management staff with animal exams and daily routines.
- Lunch with staff, free evening

Day 4

- Depart Wilds

Additional expenses for participants:

- Travel to/from the Wilds. Columbus International Airport (CMH) is closest to the Wilds, but still 75 miles away.
- Meals (cabins have kitchens available, possibility of meals through Wilds catering/ Overlook Café at an additional cost)

Protocols

Animal Care Staff Aspects

- Where to be during the procedures
- Approaching animals in vehicles or on foot
- Coordinating team efforts
- Head handler/body control
- Squeeze chute operation

Safety

- Personnel safety
 - where to be during procedure
 - situational awareness
 - animal/people concerns

Animal Welfare

- Evaluating animal stress during moves
- Evaluating animal stress during restraint