

ASIT Experience Log

Name: _____

Cub Creek Science Camp ASIT Summer of _____

This Experience Log has three sections designed to help you assess your time as an ASIT and aid you in calculating and reviewing all gained experience from this summer as a Cub Creek ASIT!

1. Section A – Total Hours Collected: Tallying of overall hours across all ASIT duties.
2. Section B – Animal Experience: Hours related to specific animal training.
3. Section C – Activity Experience: Assessment of the activities assisted in.

Section A: Total Hours Collected- Use the below table to describe ASIT responsibilities and hours accumulated for each.

Animal Area Morning Rounds	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
AM Adopted Cabin Time	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
PM Adopted Cabin Time	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
Supervising Free-time	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
Evening Activity Prep <i>if applicable</i>	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
Assisting Classes/Courses	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
Animal Area Night Rounds <i>if applicable</i>	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:
Other	
Describe Duties:	Cumulative Hours:

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Section B: Animal Experience: Use the below table calculate time spent in the animal area.

Pentagon / Shire / Kennels		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Jungle		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Small Animal Room		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Reptile Room		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Habitats		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Barn Pastures		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Barn Nursery		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:
Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Rounds Location <input type="checkbox"/> Special Training Received <input type="checkbox"/> Class/Course Location	Explain:	Cumulative Hours:

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Describing your ASIT experience: Using this for the future

This log is created to help you with calculating the hours, but also to aid you in describing what exactly you did this summer. Whether or not you turn these sheets in when validating service hours or applying for a job, awards, etc you should definitely use them to help you build and write a CV or resume'.

As you sit down to calculate and reflect on your experiences,

1. **Be as descriptive as possible!** When talking about camp, and Cub Creek in particular, non-camp people will not understand "Free-time" is or know what the "Jungle" is . Use descriptive words to explain what you write so that anyone can understand.
2. **Keep your goals in mind!** If you are calculating your hours in hopes of using them towards a specific career/application/goal, do some research to see what skills/qualifications they are looking for. Recall as many of those experiences as possible as you can from camp and highlight those.
3. **Be positive!** Even in the cases of activities or tasks you did not enjoy or did not choose, use them as opportunities to describe your new set of gained skills.
4. **Use common "21st Century Skills" as a guide.** Correlate what you have gained/learned/experienced in this role with as many of the "21st Century Skills" as you can : Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, flexibility, etc. *You can find a list of 21st Century Skills via Google.*

Overall, there were so many new skills that you gained over your time as an ASIT! Use these new skills to boost your resume! Whether you want to work with animals in your future or not, you cannot deny that your role as an ASIT at Cub Creek stands OUT!

Matt Bozdech was an ASIT many years ago. He told me that on his college applications, he wrote about his time as a Cub Creek ASIT. He doesn't have a future that is animal-oriented, but he talked about his experiences as an ASIT and it was something his college interviewers could not stop asking him about! Haley Wilcutt is a former Cub Creek ASIT and a current Sea Lion trainer at the St. Louis Zoo! She attributes her accomplishments on many things, including her time spent as an ASIT with us here.

In all, use these camp experiences to your advantage! They are wonderful memories just for us to look back on and smile, but they also can help you get somewhere you want to be! If you need help with any *creative* writing and building your ASIT time into your CV/resume', email me (Ari)! If you have any hours you need camp to sign-off on you can send those to me as well :)

Happy calculating!

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