

# Andrea Michelle O'Bryan

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## PROFILE

I am a friendly, dependable, and hard working individual who has an ambition to succeed in this learning environment. I love to learn new things, and am up for whatever challenges may lie ahead. I get along great with others as well as work efficiently. I have a great passion for working with wildlife and the environment and am seeking a position where I can express that passion while learning for future experiences.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Aug., 2008-Present**

Research Assistant at Clay Hill Memorial Forest (Campbellsville, KY)

- Currently working on an independent research project to identify and record all amphibian species on a newly acquired piece of property
- Use a GPS unit
- Have experience working with several types of salamander sampling methods which include: drift fences, coverboards, and creek seining
- Work independently as well as with a professor and fellow students
- Collect data on specimens found which includes: weights, lengths, sex, age, and species.
- Assist professor in using collected data to determine statistical information on the specimens found

### **May, 2008-Aug., 2008**

Intern at Nashville Zoo (Nashville, TN)

- Assisted animal keepers in the Hoofstock animal dept.
- Animals in dept. included: Red River Hogs, Eland, Zebra, Ostrich, Bongos, African-Crowned Crane, and Giraffe
- Assisted in cleaning exhibits and holding areas
- Assisted in feeding and caring for the animals in dept.
- Assisted in preparing enrichment items for the animals
- Worked in the commissary/kitchen preparing diets for a variety of animals

### **May, 2008- Aug., 2008**

Kennel Worker for Pet Resorts of America (Nashville, TN)

- Cleaned dog and cat kennels
- Walked dogs
- Prepared diets for all the dogs and cats
- Worked with the public on a daily basis
- Took animals back to kennels and brought them up to their owners
- Assisted in treat and recreation times throughout the day

### **April, 2007 – Sept., 2007**

Garden Center Assistant for Robert's Landscaping (Campbellsville, KY)

- Watered and cared for a variety of plants
- Unloaded trucks that held the plants
- Helped customers
- Worked as a cashier, which included cashing out at closing time
- Opened and closed the store
- Landscaped around the store
- Answered the phone, which sometimes meant assisting customers

**May, 2006 – July, 2006**

Cashier/Assistant for Roby's Country Gardens (Bardstown, KY)

- Cared for and worked with many plants, including many fruits and vegetables
- Prepared the fruits and vegetables for retail sale, and for fruit and vegetable trays
- Helped customers find the plants and foods they needed
- Unloaded plant trucks
- Worked as a cashier

**EDUCATION****2005 – Present**

Working towards a Bachelors Degree in Biology  
Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

- Current GPA: 3.8
- Coursework completed: Biological Concepts, Botany, Zoology, Ecology, General Chemistry 1 & 2, Medical Terminology, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Entomology, Conservation Biology, Ichthyology, and Human Ecology
- Have extensive experience in a laboratory environment, having taken a lab course along with every science course
- Created an elaborate insect collection in the Entomology course
- Currently enrolled in: Ornithology, Environmental Ethics, Environmental Chemistry, Physics 2, and Research courses

**2001 – 2005**

High School Diploma  
Nelson County High School, Bardstown, KY

- Graduated with a 4.0 GPA and with honors
- A member of The National Honors Society
- Took AP Animal Science and AP Biology

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- Personal experience with caring for a variety of animals
- Have a good amount of patience when working with animals
- Strong interest in the environmental sciences and animal conservation
- Quick learner and have a desire to learn new things
- Honest, trustworthy, and a hard worker
- Can work efficiently on my own as well as with others
  - Have experience doing independent research projects
- Have experience working with a graduate student banding and trapping American Woodcocks
- Gained several hours worth of field research experience working with birds and amphibians
- Some experience identifying salamander, fish, and bird species of Kentucky
- Have some experience working with a GPS system
- Familiar with the basic Microsoft computer programs: Word, Excel, and Powerpoint

**REFERENCES**

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