

"Training with the Animals of Wolf Park"

with Ken McCort & the Staff of Wolf Park

August 11 – 13 and Sept. 9 – 11, 2017

Price \$1200.00 for three days or **\$1500.00** for optional fourth day.

This seminar will be limited to **12** (twelve) qualified participants per seminar.
To be eligible, you must first be approved by Ken McCort and the senior staff of Wolf Park.

The seminar will run Friday – Sunday and will consist of hands-on work with the wolves, foxes and bison, workshop sessions, and lectures. Interested participants may come a day early on Thursday to meet the animals, learn about Wolf Park's history and work, and engage in observational research.

For eligibility, please fill out this questionnaire as completely and honestly as possible.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Desired Seminar Date (circle): August 11 – 13 Sept. 9 – 11 EITHER

Are you interested in the optional fourth day? YES NO

1. How long have you been an animal trainer (other than for your own animals)?t

2. What species of animals have you had experience in training, and for how long (including your own)?

3. Are you familiar with and have used the following types of training approaches (circle answers):

- Capturing? YES NO

- Lure and reward training? YES NO

- Target training? YES NO
- The use of a marker signal (like a clicker or whistle)? YES NO
- Training with the use of successive approximations? YES NO
- Reward scheduling and variable reward systems? YES NO
- Training WITHOUT the use of force, intimidation and/or aversive control? YES NO

What is your favorite training approach? _____

4. Have you attended any Wolf Park seminars in the past? YES NO

If "YES", which one(s) and when? _____

5. Name the trainers you have studied under or attended their seminars/workshops: _____

Who was your favorite and why? _____

6. Name any and all training and/or animal behavior organizations you are or have been a member of and for how long you have been a member: _____

7. What is your animal related work experience if any? For example what facilities, zoos, training centers, shelter or animal related businesses have you worked for, under what capacity, and for how long? _____

8. List any current or past certification/credentials for animal training with dates: _____

9. Have you ever trained any highly reactive, fearful or aggressive animals? If so, how often? _____

10. Describe a success story (other than a fearful animal) _____

11. Tell us about a challenging experience with an animal successful or unsuccessful and how you handled it. _____

Please provide at least 2 Trainer or Behaviorist References that we can call (include phone number):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know when considering your application for this advanced trainers seminar?

During the seminar attendees will:

- Learn to develop training strategies for solving behavior problems.
- Implement behavior modification with selected park animals (wolves, coyote, foxes and bison).
- Learn to work in cooperation with other trainers to develop a team approach to training.
- Develop and practice protected contact approaches to insure both animal and trainer safety throughout the sessions.
- Attend lecture and group discussion in between the “hands on” training sessions.
- Come prepared to work outside and in close proximity to all animals participating in this 3 days of learning and fun!

For safety with the animals please be aware that if you are sick, injured or otherwise unable to walk steadily on your feet you may not be able to safely interact with some of the animals inside their enclosures. However, there will be other training opportunities with the foxes, and through the use of protected contact.

Please note: Wolf Park’s animal care staff reserves the right to ask any trainer at any time to stop training any of Wolf Park’s animals if they deem it is necessary for the safety and well-being of all concerned.