

2014 First Year Summer Zoo Crew Application

Participating in Zoo Crew is a serious time commitment and acceptance into the program is very competitive. Please be sure you have read and understand what is required of Zoo Crew volunteers before submitting your completed application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for positions with Zoo Crew.

General Information

First Name* _____ Last Name* _____

Address* _____

City* _____ State* _____ Zip Code* _____

E-mail Address* _____

Home Telephone Number* _____ Cell Phone Number* _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yy)* _____ Age on June 2, 2014* _____

Current School* _____ Current Grade Level* _____

Are you multilingual? Yes No

If Yes, what languages do you speak? _____

Have you ever been a participant in Zoo Camp at the Hemker Park & Zoo?

Yes No

If Yes, for how many years? _____

Availability

Please list dates you will be available to volunteer as part of Zoo Crew during the summer. Please note a shift must be at least 4 hours long with a total of 16 hours being completed in Zoo Crew. Shifts will run from 11:00am-3:00pm Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Upon acceptance into Zoo Crew you will be able to make one (1) schedule adjustment. Your summer schedule will be based upon that final submitted availability.

First Year Zoo Crew Volunteer Interests

As a first-year member of Zoo Crew, you may volunteer within our Education Department. Volunteers in these sections should expect to:

Education

- Learn about conservation and the animals in our collection
- Educate Zoo Guests and Camp Zoofari Participants through the use of public speaking, hands-on educational activities, and animal artifacts

Personal Information: (Please answer the following questions as completely as possible)

Why are you interested in becoming a member of Zoo Crew?

Do you have any previous volunteer or work experience? If so, where did you volunteer or work and what were your responsibilities?

What previous experience do you have working with children?

What do you hope to learn and/or what skills do you hope to develop by joining Zoo Crew?

Will being in Zoo Crew help you to fulfill a school or graduation requirement? If so, how many hours of community service are required of you and why did you choose to volunteer at Hemker Park & Zoo?

If you could be any animal in the world, what animal would you be and why? Be creative and show us a bit of your personality!

Short Answer

Please use one (1) of the following prompts to write a short answer response. This is to give you an opportunity to share in greater detail what drives your interest in being a part of Zoo Crew!

Discuss why you feel it is important for people to be knowledgeable about conservation and the environment.

Prompt 2:

Please describe a personal role model and qualities they have that you admire. Explain why you hope to develop these qualities within yourself.

Letters of Recommendation

If you are selected for an interview you will be required to present two letters of recommendation written for you by a teacher, school counselor, employer, or other adult authority figure at the time of your interview. Please DO NOT have a relative write you a letter of recommendation. **Each letter of recommendation needs to be brought in a sealed envelope with your name clearly written on the front.** Remember to thank your reference for their help!

Parent/Guardian and Application Acknowledgement

I certify that my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I have read and understand the Zoo Crew Description and Requirements. I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and correct and have been given voluntarily. I authorize verification of all information contained in this application and understand that references may be requested by the Volunteer Office. If the information provided in this document is found to be untruthful, I understand that I will be released from the volunteer program. I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer and that filling out an application for the program does not guarantee acceptance into a volunteer position.

Applicant Signature