



Zoo Teen Application 2016

- *Please type or print clearly, using black or blue ink.
- *Please complete all information on all pages, including the essay questions.
- *A letter of recommendation from a teacher **MUST** be included with this application.
- *An incomplete application may not be considered.
- *Students must be 14 years old by December 31, 2015 to apply.

CONSIDERATIONS (Please read thoroughly before completing.)

The Zoo is looking for responsible, enthusiastic students with an interest in working in a zoological environment, and who can interact positively with guests. Students of all academic levels will be considered for the program.

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)

Name

Best phone number to contact you

Street address

Email address (please print legibly)

City

State

Zip code

Will you be 14 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2015?

Yes No

Birth date _____

Name of School

Check Your Current Year in School:

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

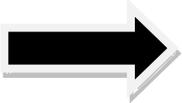
PLEASE CHECK (✓) YOUR RESPONSES:

Have you applied to be a Zoo Teen before? Yes No

Have you previously been selected as a Zoo Teen? Yes No **If yes**, in what year(s)? _____

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Hours Requirements: We ask Zoo Teens to volunteer **75 hours per year**. Most of these hours are completed in June and July with weekly shifts. Other opportunities are available in April and May as well as August through December.



Before submitting this application, students with busy schedules of spring and summer activities such as sports, band camps, long vacations, jobs, etc., should carefully consider whether they have the time to commit to the program. Parental and family involvement is **NECESSARY**, as transportation, encouragement and support of the teens are critical for a great experience. Missing more than three scheduled days may affect program participation.

Print Your Name: _____

4. One of the primary tasks of Zoo Teens is speaking with our guests. Please describe your comfort level speaking to individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

5. At the Zoo, we work around animals in enclosed environments. Please provide a brief explanation stating how you feel about animals in human care.

6. Describe how children or adults would portray you as a role model.

7. What would you like to achieve by participating in the Zoo Teen Program?

Print Your Name: _____

OPEN HOUSE

Students and parents interested in the Zoo Teen Program are invited to attend the Open House on Saturday, January 9, 2016. This is designed to showcase the duties and responsibilities of a Zoo Teen and will allow parents and students to ask questions and learn more about the program. The Open House will take place in the Polly Horton Hix Institute for Research and Conservation, which is the building to the right of the main Zoo Entrance. Please plan to spend at least one hour at the Open House, and arrive anytime between 12-3pm.

I will attend the Open House:

_____ **Saturday, January 9 2016, 12-4pm**

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Students involved in the Zoo Teen Program are expected to work under the same guidelines as Zoo employees. If selected, Zoo Teens are required to report to work on their scheduled days. A typical day is from 8am to 5pm with a half-hour lunch, but the schedule may vary based on the needs of the specific assignment, daily programming and staffing. In the case of an absence, it is the responsibility of the Zoo Teen to *call the area in which they are volunteering* to inform his or her supervisor of the absence. The Zoo Teen must also *contact the Volunteer Office regarding the absence*.

ZOO TEEN APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

I understand that I will participate in a Zoo Teen interview, and that this interview is not a guarantee that I will be selected for a position in the Zoo Teen Program. I understand that if I am selected, I must attend Zoo Teen Orientation and all other required trainings. In addition, I understand that I must follow all policies and procedures of the Zoo Teen Program, including uniform guidelines. I have considered my spring/summer activities, and agree that I will not miss more than three scheduled volunteer days.

Zoo Teen Applicant Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Printed Name

Day phone

Cell phone

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT

Printed Name

Day phone

Cell phone

PARENT OF ZOO TEEN APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

I understand that if selected as a participant in the Zoo Teen Program, my son/daughter will be committed to volunteering at the Zoo on scheduled days. I understand that in the event of his/her not being able to work, it is his/her responsibility to contact the area in which he/she will be working, the Volunteer Office and to find his/her replacement. I understand I will need to attend the Zoo Teen Orientation with my child. As a parent/guardian, I will support my son/daughter's participation by providing and facilitating transportation, encouragement and support as needed. I also understand that I will be required to sign a Notice of Activity, Consent to Conditions, Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver and Consent to Medical Treatment if my son/daughter is accepted into the Zoo Teen Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION ALONG WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER TO:

Indianapolis Zoo, Office of Volunteer Services, 1200 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 22309, Indianapolis, IN 46222-0309

- OR – Return by Fax: 317-630-2031

Contact the Volunteer Office at (317) 630-2193 or via email at kkraemer@indyzoo.com with any questions.

**The deadline for completed applications, including Letters of Recommendation,
is December 31, 2015.**

Applications postmarked, emailed, faxed or delivered after this deadline may not be considered.