



Teenage Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the Minnesota Zoo's Volunteer Program! The teenage application process is two easy steps:

1. Essay Questions

Please answer the essay questions below on a separate sheet of paper and include them with your application. Your responses may be typed or handwritten. Each response must be at least 75 words.

1. Describe two of your strengths and talents that you would bring to the Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Program.
2. Why does volunteering at the Minnesota Zoo appeal to you? Why do you want to be part of this program?
3. How do you feel about animals in captivity in a zoo setting?

2. Application Form

Please complete the application form which is page 2 and 3 of this attachment. Attach your essay answers to the form and mail to the address below at your earliest opportunity. Questions, please call 952.431.9588.

Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Office
ATTN: Heidi Rickert
13000 Zoo Blvd
Apple Valley, MN 55124

What's next?

When we receive your **complete** application, including answers to essay questions, you will be invited via e-mail to attend a mandatory interview session. If you don't have e-mail, you will receive a post office letter. Interview session dates and times are noted at the end of this document. **Sessions fill quickly and the sooner you return your application to us, the better chance you have of securing a spot in the Interview Session.**

What's covered in the Interview Session?

Discussion will focus on the kinds of tasks volunteers handle, the commitment expected from each volunteer, scheduling of volunteer hours, and training requirements. Each teen will participate in a five-minute interview as well with a member from the Education or Volunteer Department at the Zoo.

A few other important details...

*One parent or guardian **must attend** the Interview Session with their teenager.

*Pre-registration is required to attend Inter session.

*Please do not bring siblings to interview session. Space is very limited.

*Not all applicants will be accepted into the program.

*In 2009, we had 100 applicants for 50 positions. The sooner you get your complete application packet to us...the better chance you have of securing a spot in one of our programs.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Prefer to be called _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

Address City Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship _____ Lives in home with applicant? Yes No

Day Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Parent Guardian _____ Relationship _____ Lives in home with applicant? Yes No

Day Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____ Day Phone _____ Cell _____

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MINNESOTA ZOO MEMBER OR PAST VOLUNTEER

Does your family have a membership at the Minnesota Zoo? Please list member number, or have you ever been a MN Zoo member? _____

Have you ever volunteered at the MN Zoo? List name if different from current _____

How did you find out about our volunteer program? _____

TELL US WHAT PROGRAM YOU WANT AND WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER

Check availability only for one program only. Leave others blank

ZooTeen Program 13-18 year olds Out of 14 weeks in June, July and August, how many weeks are you unavailable due to vacations, sports, camps, etc., to volunteer this summer.
 unavailable 0-2 weeks this summer unavailable 3-4 weeks this summer unavailable 5-8 weeks this summer unavailable 9 or more weeks this summer

Summer Seasonal Interpretive Program 17 year olds please identify your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of volunteer day
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Morning shift Afternoon shift

Family Farm Interpretive Program 15-17 year olds please identify your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of volunteer day
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

MINNESOTA ZOO VOLUNTEER PROGRAM INTERVIEW AND TRAINING SCHEDULE for 2010

Summer Seasonal Program

After receiving your application you will be sent a link to sign up on line for an interview session. Limited capacity for each interview session due to space restrictions. There will be a group presentation where you will get more information about volunteering at the Zoo and specific information about your program. Five-minute individual interviews will take place at this time.

Interview sessions

Saturday May 8 10-12am

Training classes

Saturday May 15 9am-noon Zoo orientation, customer service, first aid, uniforms

Sunday May 23 12am-4pm Discovery Bay, Dolphin Stadium, Russia's Grizzly Coast

Please note there is no make-up day for either session. If you are not available for this training, you will not be able to join the program.

Family Farm Volunteer Program

After receiving your application you will be sent a link to sign up on line for an interview session. Limited capacity for each interview session due to space restrictions. There will be a group presentation where you will get more information about volunteering at the Zoo and specific information about your program. 5 minute individual interviews will take place at this time.

Interview sessions

Saturday, May 8 10-12am

Training class

Saturday May 15 9am-12noon Zoo orientation, customer service, first aid and uniforms.

Sunday, May 23 12noon-4pm Farm animal fact training

Please note there are no make up training days. If you are not available for both training dates, you will not be able to join the program.

ZooTeen Volunteer Program

PLEASE NOTE: ZooTeen Program opportunities have been filled for the 2010 Summer Season and the application process has closed.

After receiving your application you will be sent a link to sign up on line for an interview session. Limited capacity for each interview session due to space restrictions. There will be a group presentation where you will get more information about volunteering at the Zoo and specific information about your program. 5 minute individual interviews will take place at this time.

Interview sessions

Saturday March 13 10-12am

Saturday March 13 1-3 pm

Sunday March 14 1-3pm

Training class You only need to attend one of these training dates. Keep both dates open until you know which weeks you are scheduled.

Saturday May 15 9am-4pm Orientation, ZooTeen rules and camp scenarios. Attend this date if you will be volunteering before July 2

Monday, June 28 9am-4pm Orientation, ZooTeen rules and camp scenarios. Attend this date if you will be volunteering after July 5

Please note there is no make up training day. If you are not available for training, you will not be able to join the program.