



POTTER PARK ZOO
SUMMER TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NAME DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE # EMAIL

SCHOOL GRADE GPA

CONTACT PERSON IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

NAME TELEPHONE #

WE HAVE TWO (2) PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR - PLEASE SELECT THE ONE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN:

TEEN ZOO VOLUNTEER - Volunteers in this program work in the Seasonal Animal areas (pony rides, contact area, wings down under) and the Zookambi summer camp program

- Open to everyone who will be at least 14 years old by April 1, 2017
Minimum of 20 hour commitment for the summer
Applicants must submit a completed application and letter of recommendation from a teacher
May work a shift with a keeper at the end of the summer to see if they would like to apply for the Junior Zookeeper program for the next summer
Participant Fee: \$50 (due at orientation)

JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER - Volunteers in this program work with the zookeepers directly

- Only available to students who have already completed one (1) year in the Teen Zoo Volunteer program (previously called the Teen Keeper program)
Minimum of 40 hour commitment for the summer
Applicants must submit a completed application and letter of recommendation from a teacher
Applicants must also submit an essay of 500 - 750 words describing how this program relates to their career goals (please attach to application)
All applicants will interview with keeper staff prior to acceptance
Participant Fee: \$100 (due at orientation)

I AM APPLYING FOR (circle one): TEEN ZOO VOLUNTEER JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER

I WAS A TEEN KEEPER PREVIOUSLY IN:
(Please list all years!)

**All applicants must answer the following questions as completely as possible. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.**

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN BY BEING A TEEN VOLUNTEER/JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER AT POTTER PARK ZOO?**

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**WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS PROGRAM?**

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**LIST THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE:**

(Band, 4-H, Scouts, work, etc.)

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**LIST ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF:**

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IF SELECTED, I WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING T-SHIRT SIZE:

ADULT: S M L XL XXL

IF SELECTED, I WOULD LIKE MY NAMETAG TO READ:

(FIRST NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

**All accepted new and returning Teen Zoo Volunteers and Junior Zookeepers  
MUST attend an orientation session with a parent!**

IF SELECTED, **MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND I** WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING ORIENTATION  
SESSION:

(Circle One)

**Sunday, May 21st 6:00pm**

**Monday, May 22nd 6:00pm**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

Please return completed application along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher and  
essay if applying to the Junior Zookeeper program to:

Potter Park Zoo  
Attn: Teen Zoo Volunteer/Junior Zookeeper Program  
1301 S Pennsylvania Ave  
Lansing, MI 48912

Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.  
Only complete applications will be considered.