

1st Year Zoo Teen

Zoo Teen Application Checklist:

Directions: Please follow the following checklist to complete your 2019-2020 Zoo Teen Application:

- ☐ Zoo Teen Application
Complete all areas including essay questions and obtain a letter of reference from a teacher, coach, advisor, Pastor or Community Leader. Return your fully completed application to the Rolling Hills Zoo Volunteer Department by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Incomplete and or late applications
will not be considered for the
Zoo Teen Program

Return applications to:
Rolling Hills Zoo
Attn: Volunteer Department
625 N. Hedville Rd
Salina, KS 67401

or

email to school.groups@rollinghillszoo.org

Questions? Call Theresa at 785-827-9488 ext. 132 or
e-mail School.groups@rollinghillszoo.org

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Need to know dates for 2019-2020

Friday, February, 7, 2020

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Friday, February 21, 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020 (9-1pm)

Applications Due

Mandatory Interview (new and returning 2nd year Zoo Teens only-you will be contacted)

Notification of 2019 Zoo Teen Group
(all will be contacted)

Mandatory Day Training (All zoo teens must be present for the training day)

Name

Street address

City State Zip Code

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Home Phone

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Cell Phone

E-mail address *(please put a current email address that you check often)*

School

Adult shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance?
___ Yes ___ No If yes, give date and explain:

In case of an emergency, who should we contact (please list TWO emergency contacts)

Name

Relationship

Home phone

Cell phone

Work phone

Name

Relationship

Home phone

Cell phone

Work phone

Do you have reliable transportation?

Yes No

Are you 13 years of age or older?

Yes No

Birthday. _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Do you have a driver's license?

Yes No

Current grade in school:

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Last day of school: _____

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CONSIDERATIONS (Please read thoroughly before completing)

Students MUST be 13 years old as of May 1st, 2020. This program is not a summer recreation program or a babysitting service. We are looking for responsible, enthusiastic students with an interest in working in a zoological environment and who can interact positively with guests. All applicants are expected to adhere to the zoos policies and mission statement. There are guidelines regarding personal appearance, dress code and conduct which must be followed. Natural hair colors and zoo approved dress are required. Before submitting this application, students with a heavy schedule of summer activities such as sports, camps, long vacations, jobs, etc. should consider whether or not they have the time to commit to the program. **We require a minimum commitment of 54 hours** to be completed between May 23, 2020-September 7, 2020. Zoo Teens reaching this minimum hour requirement will be eligible to return the next year.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Selected Zoo Teens are required to report to work on scheduled days. It will be the responsibility of the student to take the initiative for scheduling their volunteer time. In the event that you are unable to fulfill your shift, please find a replacement by contacting a fellow zoo teen and also informing the volunteer coordinator.

I understand I will go through a formal interview process and that I am not guaranteed a position in the Zoo Teen Program. I understand that if I am selected and choose to animal handle, I must have a TB skin test prior to any animals contact. I also understand that I must attend the required Zoo Teen training date. I have considered my summer activities and will not miss more than two scheduled volunteer days. I understand that on the third missed volunteer shift, I will be dismissed from the program and unable to return. I certify that the information of this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Rolling Hills Zoo Volunteer Services Department to use this information in determining my participation in the Zoo Teen program

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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First year applicants please answer the following questions.

General Essay Questions

Please retype and answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. There are several questions within the questions so be thorough.

1. What interests you in the Rolling Hills Zoo Teen program?
2. The Zoo's mission is "connecting people and nature to inspire the preservation of our world." What is one conservation issue that is important to you? What could you do to help this problem?
3. What activities and hobbies are you involved in both at school and away from school? What time commitment is involved in these activities? Accepting a position into the Zoo Teen Program is a big commitment. How will you organize your schedule to include volunteering at the zoo while still participating in both your family and extracurricular activities?
4. One of our primary tasks of Zoo Teens is speaking with our guests. Please describe your comfort level speaking to individuals of all ages and backgrounds.
5. What do you hope to gain from volunteering at the zoo?

Must be filled out by parent/guardian

Printed Name

Date

I understand that if selected as a participant in the Zoo Teen program, my son/daughter will be committed to volunteering at Rolling Hills Zoo on scheduled dates and will need to pay a \$25 program fee which will cover one uniform shirt, name badge, and handbook. I understand that in the event of her/his not being able to work, it is his/her responsibility to find a replacement by contacting a fellow Zoo Teen and then informing the Volunteer Coordinator.

As a parent/guardian, I will support my daughter/son's participation by providing transportation as needed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

**1st Year Zoo Teen
ADULT REFERRAL**
(Both of these sheets go to your reference)
Due Friday, February 7, 2020

Complete & return to applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

Attention Applicant

Put your name on this form then give it to a teacher, or if home schooled an adult (other than a relative), at least two weeks prior to the application deadline along with an envelope. Ask them to complete the form & return it to you in the envelope, sealed. Include the envelope in your application packet.
Please remember to thank them for their help.

For the Adult Giving the Reference

The applicant below is applying to the Zoo Teen program at Rolling Hills Zoo. Zoo Teens is a summer program for teenagers 13 years and older, who have an interest in education, animals and the environment. The applicants we select should show a desire and ability to teach others and have a willingness to commit to a summer long program. The focus of the work is public education. Although Zoo Teens may be trained to handle small animals, the majority of their time will be spent interacting with Zoo visitors.

We would appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Your comments will aid us in selecting a committed group of teens. Thank you for your valuable time and assistance. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Theresa in the Volunteer Department at (785) 827-9488 ext. 132.

Please place your referral in the envelope provided by the applicant. Please sign your name over the seal of the envelope.

Please Print

Applicant's Name _____ **Date** _____

Adult's Name _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

I recommend this applicant to the Zoo Teen program

- ☐ with great enthusiasm
- ☐ with confidence
- ☐ with some confidence
- ☐ with reservation

Please fill out both sides of this form

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Please Evaluate the Applicant



SCALE: N/A = Not Applicable 1 = below average 2 = fair 3 = average 4 = good 5 = excellent 6 = outstanding

Oral communication skills	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ability to analyze a problem	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Common sense	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Curiosity	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Creativity	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Dependability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sense of responsibility	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Self-motivation	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Perseverance	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ability to work independently	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reaction to criticism	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Regard for authority	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Regard for the rules	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cooperation	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adaptability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Public Speaking	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Behavior in a group	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ability to follow directions	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6



Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities or experience this applicant has which would be helpful for us to be aware of? _____



Adult's Signature _____ Phone _____

Date _____