

Zoo Teen Application Information Sheet

Directions: Please follow the following checklist to complete your 2022 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, January 7, 2022.

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

Need to know dates for 2022

Friday, January 7, 2022

Applications Due

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Mandatory Interview (Returning 2nd year Zoo Teens only- you will be contacted) (Time to be announced)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Notification of 2022 Zoo Teen Group (all will be contacted)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Mandatory Day Training, 9-4pm
(All Zoo Teens must be present for this training day)

Name

Street address

City State Zip Code
()

Home Phone

Cell Phone
()

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

School

Adult shirt size: S M L XL 2XL

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

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Home phone Cell phone Work phone

Do you have reliable transportation?

Yes No

Are you 13 years of age or older?

Yes No

Birth day: _____
(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: _____

CONSIDERATIONS (Please read thoroughly before completing)

Students MUST be 13 years old as of May 1st 2022. 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 Zoo's 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 71 hours** to be completed between May 28, 2022-September 5, 2022. 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 _____

2nd-5th Year Applicants, Please Answer the Following Questions.

General Essay Questions (answer on a separate sheet of paper)

1. Please explain your most favorite and least favorite experience as a Zoo Teen. It can be any year, any experience.
2. Please explain 3 things the Zoo Teen program helped you improve on. For example, public speaking, dealing with children, organization etc.
3. When considering your involvement last year as a Zoo Teen, how do you plan on contributing more to the Zoo Teen program this year?
4. How can you become active mentor to the new Zoo Teens this upcoming year?

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 \$30 program fee which will cover one uniform shirt, name badge, and flash drive.

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

ADULT REFERRAL (both sheets go to your reference)

Due Friday, January 7, 2022

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



Attention Applicant

Put your name on this form and give it to an adult, other than a relative, you choose to be your reference. This must be done 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 (Referral) _____

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 pages of this form

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 _____