



# Rolling Hills Zoo Teen Application

Application due on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

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

## Return Applications To:

Rolling Hills Zoo  
Attn: Education Department  
625 N. Hedville Rd, Salina, KS 67401

Or email to [Teagan@rollinghillszoo.org](mailto:Teagan@rollinghillszoo.org)

## Need-to-Know Dates for 2023 Zoo Teens

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Applications Due

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Mandatory Interview

Time to be announced

*New Zoo Teens – you will be contacted*

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Notification of 2023 Zoo Teen Group

*All will be contacted*

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Mandatory All-Day Training

8 a.m. – 3 p.m

*All Zoo Teens Must Attend. Lunch will be provided.*

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:  
☐ 8<sup>th</sup> ☐ 9<sup>th</sup> ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> ☐ 11<sup>th</sup> ☐ 12<sup>th</sup>

Last day of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to the internet  
or a smartphone?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*(put a current email address that is checked often)*

School \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted for violation of any  
federal, state, county, or municipal law,  
regulation, or ordinance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Why? \_\_\_\_\_

## **First-Year Applicants Please Answer the Following Questions:**

**Please retype and answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. What interests you in the Rolling Hills Zoo Teen program?
2. 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?
4. 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?
5. 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.
6. What do you hope to gain from volunteering at the zoo?

## **Returning Zoo Teen Applicants**

**Please retype and answer the following questions 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?

## **STUDENT COMMITMENT**

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 handle animals, 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\_\_\_\_\_

*This portion must be filled out by a parent or 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 two uniform shirts, name badge and thumb 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 Teagan, the Education Curator.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **First Year Only: Adult Reference Needed**

### **For the Adult Giving the Reference**

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

The applicant below is applying to the Zoo Teen program at Rolling Hills Zoo. Zoo Teens is a summer program for students who have an interest in education, animals, and conservation. The applicants we select should show a desire and ability to teach others and have a willingness to commit to a summer long program. We would appreciate your candid response, which will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Teagan, the Education Curator, at [Teagan@rollinghillszoo.org](mailto:Teagan@rollinghillszoo.org).

**Please sign your full name in ink at the bottom of your reference letter.**

**Please Print**

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

In this letter it would be beneficial to our staff to know the answer to several questions. Including but not limited to: how you know the applicant, how long you've known them, their reliability, and their determination to learn.

I recommend this applicant to the Zoo Teen program

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

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

**Reference's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_