



Boo at the Zoo Volunteer Information for 2011

October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Zoo's most popular event of the year!

Description of general volunteering:

Most volunteers will be at a booth passing out candy. Other booths include participating in games, face painting, crafts or other similar activities. If you are unable to volunteer on the actual nights of the event, but wish to contribute in some way, please contact Stephanie at 435.6143 ext. 406, or via email at ssanderson@meskerparkzoo.com. Volunteers can assist with decorating, clean up or even building scenes.

Tips to make volunteering more enjoyable:

- Dress appropriately! Most volunteers will be outside, so please bring warm clothes and wear comfortable shoes. The event is rain or shine. Only in the event of severe weather will the event be cancelled. To confirm, you can call 812.435.6143 and dial 0 for the operator.
- Wear a costume! While costumes aren't required, you are certainly encouraged to wear one.
- Food & Beverages – although we are unable to provide dinner for our volunteers, refreshments will be provided to you throughout the event. Our new Rainforest Grill will also be open, or feel free to bring a snack with you.

Other general notes:

- Two free "general admission" tickets (valid for regular zoo hours) will be given to you at the end of your volunteer shift to show our appreciation for our volunteers.
- Most booths have 2 – 3 volunteers per table. If you have more people than this in your group, please note that it is possible you will be separated from your group during the actual event. We make every effort to accommodate our volunteers as best as possible, but cannot guarantee that your group will remain together in the same location.
- A zoo employee will dismiss volunteers each night as the last visitors go through the event. This is typically around 9 PM.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteer age: Volunteers MUST be at least 16 years of age (may be 14 years old if volunteering with an adult the entire duration of the event).
- Parking: Volunteers must park in LOT D (old zoo entrance at 2421 Bement Avenue – shuttle will be provided) or LOT A (across from the Mesker Amphitheatre), located on Mesker Park Drive. Carpooling is recommended since parking spots are limited.
- Shift Time: Arrive at the entry of the zoo (1545 Mesker Park Drive) at **4:15 PM**. Shifts end at approximately 9 PM. Volunteers must be able to stay for the duration of the event.
- Form: All volunteers must return the Volunteer Form prior to event (next page).

Boo at the Zoo 2011 Volunteer Form

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Name	
Organization	
# of people in group	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	
1 st Choice Date	
2 nd Choice Date	
Do you wish to volunteer multiple nights? If so, please explain.	

If you are filling a form out for your entire group, please be sure to attach a list of names as well. Include the quantity in your group are volunteering and for which day(s). One form for the entire group is sufficient.

Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden Volunteer Agreement

In consideration of being allowed to volunteer at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden, I hereby agree not to file claims or causes of action against said Zoo, Department, City of Evansville, Indiana or any persons acting as employees, agents, or officers thereof as a result of any occurrences during this period when I am working as a volunteer.

I agree that these terms shall be applicable to any personal injury, death or property damage that I may suffer while I am working as a volunteer.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Return forms to:

Stephanie Sanderson

Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden

1545 Mesker Park Drive

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Via email at ssanderson@meskerparkzoo.com

Via fax at 812.435.6140