



Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden
 1545 Mesker Park Dr; Evansville, IN 47720

Prospective Docent Information Fall 2011

Name:	Last	First	Middle/Maiden/Previous
Address:	Home Phone:		
City, etc:	Work Phone:		
E-mail:	Social Security Number:		
Occupation:	Full or Part Time	Birthdate:	

Requirements

Are you willing and able to:

- Attend and complete all docent training sessions?
 There are training sessions meeting on Thursday evenings, Saturday and Sunday.
 Thursdays 6-9 October 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17 December 1, 8
 Saturdays 9:30-3 October 15, November 12
 Sundays 2-4 October 16, November 13
- Be a member of the Zoo?
- Contribute a minimum of 5 hours/month (60/year)?
- Attend at least 5 meetings a year (6:30 every 4th Thursday of the month)?

Availability: Are you able to volunteer:

Weekdays (8 am – 5pm)	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Weeknights (5pm +)	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Weekends (8 am – 5pm)	Usually	Sometimes	Never

Education

School	Name/Location	Dates	Course of Study
High School/GED			
College or University			
Additional Training			

Volunteer Experience

Please list current or previous activities and experiences with other organizations. List the name of the organization and your length of service (i.e. P.T.O., Humane Societies, Scout Groups)

1. Name of Organization
Summary of Duties

Dates of Participation: From _____ Mo/Yr to _____ Mo/Yr

Who may we contact who can attest to your involvement?

_____ Phone _____

2. Name of Organization
Summary of Duties

Dates of Participation: From _____ Mo/Yr to _____ Mo/Yr

Who may we contact who can attest to your involvement?

_____ Phone _____

Work Experience

1. Employer
Address

Employed: From _____ Mo/Yr to _____ Mo/Yr

Summary of Duties

2. Employer
Address

Employed: From _____ Mo/Yr to _____ Mo/Yr

Summary of Duties

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than traffic violations)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please state the nature of the offense, date, and location.

What conservation or civic organizations (local or national level) do you belong to?

Do you have any pets? If so, tell us about them.

How did you find out about the docent program?

What or how would you contribute to the Zoo as a docent?

Are there any issues in conservation/ environmental education about which you feel strongly? If so, please explain.

How do you feel about keeping zoo animals in cages or enclosures?

Skills

Indicate your skills and experiences in the following way:

E = Experienced **S** = some experience **I** = Special interest with or without experience

Working with children

_____ 3 – 5 years old

_____ 6 – 8 years old

_____ 9 – 11 years old

_____ 12 – 15 years old

_____ with special needs

eg. _____

_____ Working with adults

_____ Planning, conducting activities

_____ Planning, organizing special events

_____ Producing plays, skits

_____ Getting other people's help in carrying out projects

_____ Teaching songs, games

_____ Teaching arts, crafts

_____ Teaching biology or other sciences

_____ Working with dogs, cats

_____ Working with horses, livestock

_____ Working with birds eg. _____

_____ Working with reptiles eg. _____

_____ Working with exotic animals

References

We will be seeking information from people who know you (not a relative). Please list three names below. These should be people who have known you for at least one year. If you have previous experience as a volunteer, one reference should be from that organization.

Name	Relationship	Address	Telephone
1.			
2.			
3.			

Please read the following and sign your name below:

I understand that if accepted for a volunteer position, I agree to receive training to help me carry out my volunteer activities. I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have never been arrested or convicted for any offense against children. I understand that my name will be checked out through the Indiana Child Safe program. I further affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have never been arrested or convicted for any offense against animal welfare.

I certify that all information provided on this application is true and complete. I understand that falsification or significant omissions of any information may be considered justification for non-acceptance or dismissal if discovered at a later date.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please return application to 1545 Mesker Park Dr. Evansville, IN 47720 Attention Tracy Cox as soon as possible. Thank you!