



ZooTeen Application Packet

Instructions

Step 1 - Application

1. Fill out the enclosed application entirely. Don't forget – both you and your parent/guardian must sign it.
2. Give one of the enclosed recommendation forms to each of your references. They should fill them out, place them in a sealed envelope and give them back to you to turn in to us.
3. Write a 100-word essay titled “Why I Want To Be A ZooTeen.”
4. When completed, turn the entire packet into the education office in the Discovery Center or mail to: 1545 Mesker Park Dr., Evansville, IN 47720, attention: ZooTeen Program
5. Application packet must be received at the zoo by Friday, April 22, 2011 at 4:00 to be considered for this year's ZooTeen Program.

Step 2 – Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting for prospective ZooTeens and their parents at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 9. You will be able to meet the educational staff and some current ZooTeens and have all of your questions answered.

Step 3 - Interview

We will be setting up interviews as we receive applications. Interviews will be held April 11 – April 30. Interviews are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the Education Department conduct interviews.

Step 4 – Acceptance and Training

We will notify May 7th by email, whether you have been accepted into the ZooTeen program. If you are accepted, you **must** attend two days of training on May 14 & 21 from 9am to 4pm. These two days are required to participate in the program. You will be given more information upon your acceptance to the program.

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. Humane Societies, Scout Groups).

1. Name of Organization _____
Summary of Duties _____

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

Name of an individual we may contact who can attest to your involvement _____

Phone _____

2. Name of Organization _____
Summary of Duties _____

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Work Experience

Employer _____

Address _____

Summary of Duties _____

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

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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

e.g. _____

_____ 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

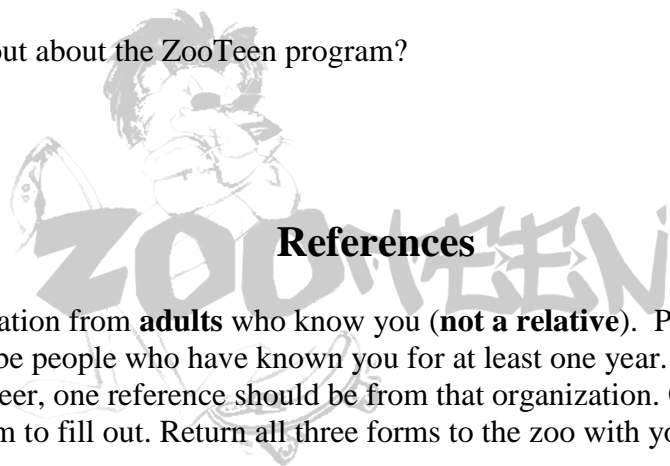
_____ Working with birds e.g. _____

_____ Working with reptiles e.g. _____

_____ Working with exotic animals

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

How did you find out about the ZooTeen program?



References

We would like information from **adults** 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. Give each of these people a Recommendation Form to fill out. Return all three forms to the zoo with your application.

| 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. I give permission to be listed on the ZooTeen Phone List to be distributed to fellow ZooTeens.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

ZooTeen Application Essay:

Name _____

Why I want to be a
ZooTeen...



MESKER PARK ZOOTEEN PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please return with application

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APPLICANT'S NAME:

APPLICANT'S HOME ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE STUDENT'S:

ATTITUDE:

RESPONSIBILITY:

RELIABILITY:

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

TITLE: _____

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