



Zoo Teen Program Application

Binder Park Zoo offers two Zoo Teen Programs each of which strives to provide our Zoo Teens with a fun, educational and worthwhile summer experience at our zoo. Program includes nametag, Zoo Teen shirt, and souvenir cup with free refills during working time, invitation to the yearly Volunteer Appreciation dinner, and an unforgettable experience of a lifetime.

Application must be received by Friday, April 6, 2018 to be considered for the program.

Application Check List

- Application complete - *filled out by applicant*
- Essay questions complete – *filled out by applicant*
- Two letters of recommendation from adults that are not related to you.

We do not accept applications with missing documents, or applications that are turned in after the deadline. Please do not send program fee with the completed application. It does not guarantee a spot in the program.

Please send applications to:

Zoo Teen Program - 7400 Division Drive - Battle Creek, MI 49014.

Fax: (269)979-8834 ATTN: Zoo Teen Program

Email: volunteer@binderparkzoo.org

(To email this form, please click the “Fill and Sign” button on the PDF file.)

- Qualified applicants will be invited to an onsite interview by letter or email.
 - (Interviews will be scheduled in May).

Program Requirements:

- \$150 program fee
 - Do not send payment with application.
- Must be at least 13 years of age, but under the age of 18 as of June 1, 2018
- Mandatory attendance of Parent/Participant Orientation on Saturday, June 2, 2018
- Must be able to donate between 40-60 hours between June and October 2018
- Volunteer during one of the zoo’s Conservation Programs or Events (i.e. Cheetah Chase, Tour De Zoo, Zoo Boo, Road and Beach Clean-Up)
- Must have parent/legal guardian’s written permission to participate in the Zoo Teen program.
- Proof of negative tuberculosis (TB) test required for program participation within 2018 calendar year
 - (TB tests must be completed by parent/participant orientation.)
- Provide current tetanus (tDap/Td) immunization record

What qualities do we look for in a Zoo Teen?

- Trustworthy, reliable, and responsible
- Able to present a neat and well-groomed appearance
- Able to accept supervision from staff and ask for assistance when needed
- Courteous to the general public, program participants, guests, volunteers and staff.
- Willing to learn new skills
- Supportive of Binder Park Zoo’s mission
- Able to stand for prolonged periods of time
- Comfortable with safety practices including lifting objects, reaching, bending, climbing, kneeling, pushing/pulling objects, and handling/grasping objects
- Must be willing and able to work in all types of environments and various weather conditions, which may include the possibility of getting wet, dirty, or smelly
- Be willing to adhere to all Zoo Teen policies and procedures

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Please indicate which program you are applying for:

Binder Park Zoo will make reasonable accommodations to allow the participation of individuals with physical limitations.

___ Zoo Teen Keeper

- Accepts 30 teen participants
- Work with Animal Care Staff
 - will learn about basic animal husbandry (feeding and cleaning), care and well-being of our zoo animals

___ Zoo Teen Educator

- Accepts 20 teen participants
- Work with Education Staff
 - helping out with camps, birthday parties, overnights, bio-fact stations and public presentations

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Grade entering fall 2018: _____ Shirt size (**adult**): _____

Would you like to order additional program t-shirts? Yes ___ x \$10 each = _____ (one shirt is included)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: () _____ Parent/Guardian's E-mail: _____

Applicant's Phone: () _____ Applicant's E-mail: _____

Please circle whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

There is no right or wrong answer!

I care about animals	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I want to learn more about animals	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I want to work with animals	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I want to be around animals	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I don't mind getting dirty or wet	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I like being outdoors	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I enjoy watching animals	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I'm an observant person	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I enjoy teaching and sharing information	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel comfortable around children	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

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I would do something to help animals even if I may not work directly with them	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I'm not afraid to talk to new people	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
My friends would say I'm outgoing	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I'm willing to try new things	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

Please list other participant programs you are currently involved in:

Please tell us about some of your hobbies and interests:

Please tell us what interests you most about our Zoo Teen Program at Binder Park Zoo?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?
