

**NAPLES ZOO, INC.**  
**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

The Naples Zoo, Inc. does not discriminate against otherwise qualified applicants on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other status as protected by local, state, or federal law.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

We usually contact you by email as it makes scheduling a meeting easier.

Are you 16-17 years of age?  Yes  No Over 18 years of age?  Yes  No

**All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.**

Do you have a reliable mode of transportation?  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor of a crime?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain the nature of the crime and the date of the conviction and disposition. A conviction is not an automatic bar to volunteer service. Each case will be considered on its own merits.

Are there any volunteer activities you must avoid? \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (primary) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The number of hours required for volunteering is based on individual categories. Training and previous service hours are required prior to volunteering for certain categories.

Position Applying For: *(Check all that you are interested in)*

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Interpreter                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Services _____inside _____ outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Shows Aide                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Attendant Aide/Boat Dock Aide       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Volunteer                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Aide                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical (scrapbook, filing)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Volunteer                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissary Aide                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Volunteer (if 16-17 years old)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Station/Education Programs/CIT | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Exhibit Volunteer                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo Keeper Aide                          |

Number of Hours Available to Volunteer Each Week:

- 1-5  5-10  10-15  15-20  short term volunteering

When you are available?

Year Round    Seasonal (if seasonal check months available)

Jan.    Feb.    Mar.    Apr.    May    June    July    Aug.    Sept.    Oct.    Nov.    Dec.

Time of Availability: (Please provide an overview of available times i.e. mornings, all day, evenings after 5...)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|        |         |           |          |        |          |        |

Do you have any special skills that might be beneficial for volunteering at the Naples Zoo?

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How did you hear about the Naples Zoo Volunteer Program?

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Why do you want to volunteer at Naples Zoo?

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**PERSONAL HISTORY**

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Status:  Employed full-time    Employed part-time    Retired    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Where else (if anywhere) have you volunteered? \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Duties/Dates \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been employed by this facility?  Yes  No   If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description \_\_\_\_\_



## Volunteer Area List:

**Animal Interpreters:** Love talking to people? Inspired by the amazing animals at Naples Zoo? Then this is perfect for you! Animal Interpreters train to share additional information with guests about our amazing animals. Interpreters attend additional training and are given a brief quiz on each animal prior to hands-on training at each station.

**Animal Shows:** Is behind the scenes your favorite place to be? Animal Show volunteers are responsible for cuing cameras and video during our educational shows. They also make pre-show announcements and may help with pre and post show set-up/cleaning. Must be comfortable using AV equipment and making announcements.

**Boat Dock Aides: Like working with other?** Boat Dock Aides will assist with crowd control at the boat dock, provide general cruise and Zoo information, and chat with guests as they wait to board the boat. Will also review general safety points and help load/unload the boats .(Check Park Attendant Aide and note "boat" by it)

**Botanical Volunteers:** No opens currently

**Commissary Aide:** Love to be busy? Commissary Aides assist with everything from diet preparation to helping receive shipments of food. Must be able to lift 50 lbs, pay attention to details and be willing to help with cleaning. A great way to learn about one of the critical jobs at a zoo! If interested, may also help make enrichment items.

**Education:** Love to teach? Varied areas from helping with formal presentations to informal education by providing hands-on inquiry based learning experiences for visitors. The goal is to help connect guests with nature and conservation. This is partially done by enhancing the visitor experience by providing personalized informal interpretation and a conservation message. Must have prior teaching experience, related volunteer work, or volunteer as an animal interpreter with us first.

**Camp CIT:** Love Kids? Help out as a Counselor in Training (CIT) for our Camps! You would help guide children through the zoo, help with games, crafts, and activities. Gain valuable experience working with children and learning biology of our animal collection. Two age groups: 5-7 yr olds and 8-12 yr olds.

**Guest Services: Seasonal Nov-May** Are you a social animal? Come greet guests, give out information, and help make sure that everyone has a great time! Ideal for someone seasonal people and those who need to be inside most of the time!

**Park Attendant Aides:** Want to be out in the Zoo, but not talking to guests all the time? Then come help make sure that our paths are kept clear of litter, that our viewing windows on animal enclosures are clean, and making sure that all are safe. You will also assist with seating guests during Safari Canyon Shows and answering general guest questions.

**Special Events Volunteers:** Love parties? Come help ours be a success! We need everything from people to open gates for vendors to helping put on table linens and designing center pieces. Our events range from public events to weddings, birthday parties, and fund raisers. May include doing educational children's activities at a public event

**Wayfinder: Seasonal Oct-May** Love talking to people, but can't stay in one place? Then this is the spot for you! Walk the Zoo answer guest questions, providing information about upcoming keeper talks/shows, and make sure that guests are behaving properly.

**Zoo Keeper Aide:** Ideal for those wanting to go into the field as a career. Aides will be responsible for assisting with the day-to-day care of our animal collection. Candidates in this program will clean animal habitats, assist in the formulating and distribution of animal diets, support the keeper to whom you are assigned with creating and distributing animal enrichment, and performing other tasks in the area as needed. Prior volunteer service with Naples Zoo is required as well as passing a second interview. Must be 18 years old by the time you qualify for this assignment.

**Special Exhibits: Seasonal Nov-April** Varies based on upcoming exhibits, but will involve interacting with the public.