Dear Parent and Prospective Camp Teen Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the Zoo Miami Foundation Camp Teen Volunteer program! The Zoo Miami Foundation Camp Teen Volunteer program is an exciting way for high school students to gain valuable skills while providing an important service to the Zoo Miami Foundation.

We seek positive, responsible, enthusiastic students with an interest in learning about animals and who can effectively interact with children, staff members and Zoo visitors. Applicants must be in grades 9-12.

To be considered for the Zoo Miami Foundation Camp Teen Volunteer program, required paperwork must be sent to the ZMF Volunteer Office postmarked by the quarterly deadline. All required paperwork must be returned as a packet (not separately). Incomplete and late packets will not be accepted.

After the application materials have been reviewed by a volunteer selection committee, all applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance or non-acceptance. Selection is based upon the quality of the application packet. Students selected for the program will attend a mandatory orientation and training session scheduled on a Saturday. Parents are not required to attend this orientation with their child. Not attending this meeting will result in the teen being ineligible to volunteer.

Before applying, students with a heavy schedule of summer activities, (such as sports, camps, long vacations, jobs, etc.) should consider whether or not they have the time to commit to the program.

Enclosed you will find a fact sheet about the Zoo Miami Foundation Teen Volunteer program, an application and recommendation forms. Do not send any money with the application. If you are accepted into the program, fees will be collected at the training session.

If you have any questions, please contact us at volunteer@zoomiami.org or 305-255-5551.
Zoo Miami Camp Teen Volunteer Program
Fact Sheet

What do Zoo Miami Teen Volunteers do?
- Assist with Zoo Camp programs (Summer Camp, Winter Camp, Spring Camp, Mini camps)

Who can be a Zoo Miami Foundation Camp Teen Volunteer?
Anyone in grades 9-12 is welcome to apply. Since space in the program is limited, we cannot guarantee that all applicants will be accepted.

When can I apply?
The application and letters of reference are available online throughout the year. All completed forms must be sent as a package (not individually) and postmarked no later than the specified date.

Schedule of Events

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How does the application process work?
Each application requires a minimum of two recommendation forms (provided in this packet) from a teacher, counselor, church leader, or other adult who is not a relative. Participants will be selected on the basis of the quality of their applications and recommendation forms. Number of teens accepted per time of year is dependent on Camp needs. If accepted, you will then be required to attend a mandatory Saturday orientation session. If you are not accepted, you will have the option to be considered for future Camp sessions.

How much does it cost to be a Zoo Miami Foundation Teen Volunteer?
The fee is $25.00. This must be paid at the training session.

What will be expected of me as a Zoo Miami Foundation Teen Volunteer program?
You must attend the mandatory training session before you begin your volunteering session. Volunteers who do not attend the training session will not be eligible to participate in the program.

What are the benefits of becoming a Zoo Miami Foundation Teen Volunteer?
In addition to enhancing your résumé or college application, you will be developing new skills and gaining an understanding of how a world-class zoo functions. For many, this will be your first job experience. You will have an opportunity to meet new people who share your interests in wildlife and conservation. The hours that you work, after your time of training, may be used to satisfy your school's community service requirement, and, hopefully, you'll have fun, too!
ZOO MIAMI FOUNDATION
TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Please complete this form, and return, along with two letters of recommendation to:

Zoo Miami Foundation
Volunteer Manager
12400 SW 152 Street
Miami, FL 33177 or
volunteer@zoomiami.org

PARENT / GUARDIAN

Name of Parent or Guardian

Work/Daytime Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Emergency Contact: __________________________ Phone #: __________________

Relationship: __________________

In case of emergency, when a parent or guardian cannot be reached, list the name and phone number of an alternate person to be called.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Circle One:  9  10  11  12

E-Mail Address  Age  Date of Birth  Grade Entering in the Fall:

VOLUNTEER UNIFORM

You will receive a Teen Volunteer T-shirt with your program fee. Please indicate your adult shirt size to the right.

Shirt Size:  ______ Small  ______ Medium  ______ Large  ______ X-Large

Extra shirts may be purchased for $7.00 each.
VOLUNTEERING

What are your goals and what do you hope to gain by becoming a volunteer at Zoo Miami?
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any other volunteer experience? If yes, please explain.
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Describe the qualities you feel are important to being a good volunteer.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Please include at least two recommendation forms from a teacher, counselor or community leader that is not a relative. The forms are included with this application form for your use. You may make copies if you are including more than two recommendations.

SIGN AND DATE

Please read and sign the following:

Applicant Agreement:
I agree that, if I am accepted into the teen volunteer program, I will attend the orientation/training session, show up on the days that I have been scheduled (unless illness or family emergency prevents me from doing so); will call and notify staff immediately if I am unable to attend on my scheduled day, and adhere to the program policies and procedures. I also acknowledge that I am personally offering services to the Zoo Miami Foundation and Zoo Miami solely for civic, charitable or humanitarian reasons, without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation or benefits.

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: ______________

Parent / Guardian Agreement:
I understand the conditions under which my child will be volunteering, and I agree to support my child's application for participation in this program. If accepted, I will see that he/she attends the orientation/training session, and all scheduled work days; and adheres to the program policies and procedures. In case of emergency, when a parent or guardian cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to Zoo Miami to secure treatment for my child. I also authorize Zoo Miami to use my child's name and photograph as a participant in Zoo programs for publicity / educational purposes related to the Zoo. I understand that no compensation will be provided.

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: ______________

VOLUNTEER OFFICE USE  
ONLY

☐ Parent/Student Orientation  ☐ Name Tag  
☐ Training Date  ☐ Uniform  
☐ Session Date  ☐ Registration Fee
ZOO MIAMI FOUNDATION
TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Teacher / Counselor / Professional Recommendation Form

Student Name: ________________________________________

Organization: ________________________________________

The above-named student has applied to become a volunteer with the Camp programs at the Zoo Miami Foundation. We would appreciate your honest evaluation of the applicant in the areas listed below.

How long have you known the above-named student, and in what capacity?

Please evaluate the applicant by circling the appropriate number.

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Signature and Title

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