



Thank you for your interest in the Summer Information Volunteer program at the Toronto Zoo.

Summer Information Volunteers perform a variety of activities throughout the Zoo site including greeting visitors at the front gate, operating various educational kiosks, and helping people plan their day at the Zoo. Volunteers do not specialize in any one of these duties and therefore enjoy a variety of Zoo activities. Volunteers do not have any direct contact with the Zoo's animals or plants.

Each year we have a good response from both men and women who are interested in becoming Summer Information Volunteers. After applications are reviewed, suitable candidates are interviewed and 40 people are selected to enter the three-day training course held in May. Classes run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and are presented by Zoo staff and experienced Volunteers.

We are looking for Volunteers who enjoy working with people, both children and adults, have good communication skills, and are willing to give one afternoon or evening a week during May, June, July, and August. An appreciation for nature and wildlife is a pre-requisite.

If you are interested in becoming a Summer Information Volunteer at the Toronto Zoo, please complete and return the enclosed application before our annual March deadline date. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at (416) 392-5942.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bentley

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Volunteer Services

TORONTO ZOO VOLUNTEER SUMMER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street & Apt. #, City/Town, Postal Code)

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Previous or Present Volunteer Work:

List skills or experience you have acquired which may be useful to your work as a Zoo Information Volunteer.

Are you a Toronto Zoo Member? _____ If yes, please list Membership # _____

If not, would you be willing to join? _____

List languages in which you are conversant. _____

If selected, would you prefer to attend the Weekday _____ or Weekend _____ training course?

(PLEASE CHECK ONE ONLY)

Which day(s) of the week would you be free to volunteer time at the Zoo?

Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____ Sunday ____

Are you available for the afternoon shift (12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)? _____

Are you available for the evening shift (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)? _____

Within the last two years, you have visited the Toronto Zoo:

Never _____ 1-3 Times _____ 4-8 Times _____ Over 8 Times _____

How did you learn about the Volunteer program?

Why would you like to be a Zoo Volunteer?

Please list the names and contact information of 3 references (preferably professional) that we may contact:

1. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____

2. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____

3. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____

* Please return applications to Volunteer Services by **our annual March deadline date.**

* Applications will be processed after this date.

Please return to:

Volunteer Services

Toronto Zoo

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