



## Toronto Zoo - Year Round Volunteers

### **Recruitment Criteria**

*This position is suitable for people who:*

- Are dynamic, outgoing adults
- Are enthusiastic with excellent communication skills
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Have an appreciation for / some knowledge of nature and wildlife
- Enjoy interacting with people of all ages (children, adults, teens)
- Have some experience speaking to small groups of people or leading tours
- Enjoy challenging themselves and continuously learning
- Are environmentally responsible
- Can commit to dedicating one day / week (weekday or weekend) for two years, a minimum of 75 hrs./ year.
- Are able to travel to the Zoo regularly for weekly shifts
- Are flexible, willing to assist where necessary
- Are organized
- Are able to work well independently and as part of a team
- Are willing to become and remain a Zoo Member

This position includes walking (1 to 2 hours) and standing (up to 3 hours).

Toronto Zoo is wheelchair accessible and welcomes applicants who use wheelchairs/scooters etc

### **Benefits of becoming a Zoo Volunteer:**

- Free admission to the Zoo & parking
- Free / discounted admission to a variety of other Toronto attractions
- Discounts in the Zootique gift shop
- Exclusive exhibit previews (?)
- Extensive training encompassing animal knowledge and interpretation techniques
- Meet like-minded people, socialize, develop a new network of contacts
- Stay active / improve health
- Insider information regarding the animals
- Continuous learning / professional development through monthly meetings and ongoing training sessions
- Educate, inspire and enhance visitors' experiences
- Promote wildlife conservation
- Receive a monthly volunteer newsletter
- Exclusive events held throughout the year to recognize the valuable contribution of volunteers