



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Thank you for your interest in the volunteer program at the Toronto Zoo.

There are presently 250 Year-Round Zoo Volunteers who perform a valuable educational service. They lead tours, operate Touch Tables, and present outreach programs to school groups and other organizations in the community. 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 people who are interested in becoming Zoo volunteers. After applications are reviewed, successful candidates are interviewed and selected individuals enter the fall training course. This year, the course will start in early November, one day a week, and continue until mid- February, with a three week break in December. 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 make a commitment of two years, giving one day a week, and a minimum of 75 hours per year. **We are looking for men and women to assist one day a week, on all days of the week (Sunday to Saturday).** An appreciation for nature and wildlife is a pre-requisite.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Toronto Zoo, **please complete and return the enclosed application form along with your resume by the last Friday in September.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail kbentley@torontozoo.ca or call (416) 392-5942.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bentley
Coordinator of Volunteers



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

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

Telephone: Home: () _____ Work: () _____ Cell: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Previous or Present Volunteer Work: _____

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

Are you a Toronto Zoo Member? _____ If not, would you be willing to join? _____

List languages in which you are conversant _____

Year Round Volunteers who are accepted into the program are required to attend a 13 week training course, one day a week, beginning late October and continuing until mid-February (with a three week break in late December). Classes run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and it is imperative that all sessions are attended.

If accepted, would you 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 ____

Which shift(s) are you available to volunteer **(check all that apply)**:

9:30 am to 12:30 pm 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

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Are you currently enrolled in secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis?

- No
- Yes, enrolled in post-secondary school (College / University)
- Yes, enrolled in secondary school

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 THREE references (e.g. current/past employer, volunteer supervisor, coach etc.) that we may contact. Family members are not suitable references:

1. Name: _____ Telephone #: _____ Relationship of contact person: _____
2. Name: _____ Telephone #: _____ Relationship of contact person: _____
3. Name: _____ Telephone #: _____ Relationship of contact person: _____

* Only applications received by **the last Friday in September** will be considered.

Please return completed application form, along with your resume to:

Toronto Zoo - Volunteer Services
361A Old Finch Ave.
Scarborough, Ontario
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