



Dear Zoo Crew Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Zoo Crew, the Children's Zoo teen volunteer program. One benefit of participating in the Zoo Crew program is to fulfill your service learning requirements for your school. For a complete list of benefits visit our website at www.saginawzoo.com. Please read this page carefully as it contains important information about the program and application process. Any returning Zoo Crew members please note there are some changes to the application process.

- Teens who are at least 13 years of age and no older than 18 years may apply.
- Completed applications must be received by the Zoo no later than **July 11th, 2012**.
- A completed application must include the following items:
 - A completed application form
 - Answers to all the essay questions
 - A completed volunteer release and waiver of liability form
 - Two letters of recommendation forms faxed to us or placed in signed sealed envelopes by the writers and sent in with the application.
- It is required that Zoo Crew members commit to **40 hours** of service between their orientation date and August 25th, 2012.
- All Zoo Crew members (including returning Zoo Crew) must attend 1 of the 4 orientation meetings with a parent or guardian. No exceptions!
- Upon acceptance, Zoo Crew members will be required to submit proof of an up-to-date Tetanus shot (within last 5 years) and a negative TB test (within the last 12 months).
- Zoo Crew members are required to observe the Children's Zoo dress, attendance and behavior protocols.
 - Zoo Crew members will be required to supply their own khaki or black pants or long shorts, closed toe shoes and socks.
- As part of the Zoo's effort to go green and conserve paper, most correspondence for the Zoo Crew program will be done electronically by e-mail if possible.

By applying to this program, you and your parents indicate your commitment as outlined above. You will be sent an e-mail (if possible) or letter outlining your application status. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. If you have any questions about the program requirements or application process, please e-mail info@saginawzoo.com or call us at (989) 759-1408.

Sincerely,

Children's Zoo at Celebration Square

ACCREDITED BY THE
**ASSOCIATION
OF ZOOS &
AQUARIUMS**



Zoo Crew – Teen Volunteer Application

- Application must be received by **Wednesday, July 11, 2012** to be considered for the program.
- Please complete the following application in full and return it with two completed letters of recommendation forms and a signed volunteer waiver to be considered.
- Send applications to: Children’s Zoo at Celebration Square, 1730 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw MI 48601.
- Applicants will be notified by e-mail (preferably) or mail upon acceptance into the program.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____ T-shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

Teen e-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age (Current): _____

School Attending: _____

2012-2013 Grade: _____ Are you getting school credit for the Zoo Crew program: Yes ___ No ___

If yes please list the requirements for your school and a contact name and number for your advisor:

Have you previously been a Zoo Crew Member? Yes ___ No ___ if yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? Yes _____ No _____ if yes, please explain: _____

In case of an emergency, whom should we contact?

1. Name: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (evening) _____

Phone (evening) _____

Relationship _____

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Please list any allergies or medications you are taking of which we should be aware:

Please number the orientation dates in order of preference. The acceptance letter will list which orientation date you are expected to attend.

___ Saturday, May 5th -4-5 pm

___ Monday, May 21st -5-6 pm

___ Wednesday, June 20th -5-6 pm

___ Saturday, July 14th -4-5 pm

**** All Zoo Crew must attend 1 orientation session with a parent /guardian.**



Zoo Crew Recommendation Form – 2012

Applicant: Please give this form to a person age 18 or over who is not related to you.

To the Recommender:

You have been asked to evaluate a teenager who is interested in the Zoo Crew Program, a teen volunteer program at the Children’s Zoo at Celebration Square. We are looking for responsible, outgoing and motivated teens to volunteer their time and talent to our program. Solid communication skills are just as important to this volunteer position as a strong commitment to animal care, welfare and conservation. Your evaluation will not exclude a teen from the program. We are looking for more information about the teen to see how they fit into our program and allow them to be successful. Thank you in advance for taking the time to evaluate the skill set of this teen.

Name of teen applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Please rank the applicant’s skills using the following scale:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Can’t Say
Dependability					
Punctuality					
Ability to work and communicate with children					
Ability to work and communicate with peers					
Ability to work and communicate with adults					
Leadership skills					
Ability to follow directions					
Willingness to learn					
Ability to work independently					

Any Additional comments you can tell us about the applicant that might assist us?

Your Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this letter in one of three ways: Place in a signed, sealed envelope and return to the applicant to turn in with their application, fax it to (989) 759-1328, or email a scanned copy to info@saginawzoo.com

For questions or concerns please contact the zoo at (989) 759-1408 or info@saginawzoo.com.



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