POTTER PARK ZOO
SUMMER TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NAME______________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH ____________

ADDRESS________________________________________________________________________

CITY_________________________ STATE_______ ZIP CODE________________________

TELEPHONE #________________________ EMAIL ________________________________

SCHOOL __________________________ GRADE _________ GPA ____________

CONTACT PERSON IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

NAME____________________________ TELEPHONE #________________

WE HAVE TWO (2) PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR – PLEASE SELECT THE ONE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN:

TEEN ZOO VOLUNTEER – Volunteers in this program work in the Seasonal Animal areas (pony rides, contact area, Wings of Wonder) and the Zookambi summer camp program
    • Open to everyone who will be at least 14 years old by April 1, 2020
    • Minimum of 20 hour commitment for the summer
    • Applicants must submit a completed application and letter of recommendation from a teacher
    • May work a shift with a keeper at the end of the summer to see if they would like to apply for the Junior Zookeeper program for the next summer
    • Participant Fee: $50 (due at orientation)

JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER – Volunteers in this program work with the zookeepers directly
    • Only available to students who have already completed at least one (1) year in the Teen Zoo Volunteer program (or in the previous Teen Keeper program).
    • Minimum of 40 hour commitment for the summer
    • Applicants must submit a completed application and letter of recommendation from a teacher
    • Applicants must also submit an essay of 500 - 750 words describing how this program relates to their career goals and reflect on previous Zoo Teen experience (please attach to application)
    • Participant Fee: $100 (due at orientation)

I AM APPLYING FOR (circle one):    TEEN ZOO VOLUNTEER    JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER

I WAS PREVIOUSLY A ZOO TEEN IN:________________________________________________
(Please list all years!)
All applicants must answer the following questions as completely as possible. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN BY BEING A TEEN VOLUNTEER/JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER AT POTTER PARK ZOO?
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WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS PROGRAM?
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LIST THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE:
(Band, 4-H, Scouts, FFA, work, etc.)
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LIST ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF TO ENSURE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. : 
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IF SELECTED, I WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING T-SHIRT SIZE:

ADULT:   S   M   L   XL   XXL

IF SELECTED, I WOULD LIKE MY NAMETAG TO READ:

(FIRST NAME ONLY)______________________________________________

All accepted new and returning Teen Zoo Volunteers and Junior Zookeepers MUST attend an orientation session with a parent!

IF SELECTED, MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND I WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING ORIENTATION SESSION:
(Circle One)

   Sunday, June 7th   6:00pm

   Monday, June 8th   6:00pm

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE______________________________________________

   DATE______________, 2020

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ________________________________________

   DATE_____________, 2020

Please return completed application along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher (and essay if applying to the Junior Zookeeper program) to:

   Potter Park Zoo
   Attn: Zoo Teens
   1301 S Pennsylvania Ave
   Lansing, MI 48912

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2020. Only complete applications will be considered.