



# Zoo Crew

Teen Program · Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - Education Division

Applications @ <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo/learn/educational-programs/educational-opportunities/zoo-crew>

**Do You....**

*Love to learn about animals?*

*Like talking to people?*

*Want to become active in wildlife conservation?*

**Zoo Crew Teens have....**

*A lasting interest in animals and the environment*

*The desire and ability to teach others*

*Good working habits*

*A GREAT time this summer!*

## What does the Zoo Crew Do?

**Zoo Crew** teens are trained to help with various conservation projects at the Zoo and in interpreting. Students should show an interest in both learning about wildlife and sharing their knowledge with others. The program focuses on conservation and encourages teens to learn responsibility, develop job and career skills and grow in their personal conservation ethic. (**Zoo Crew teens are not involved in the care and feeding of Zoo animals**)

### REQUIREMENTS:

**Applicants must:**

1. be 13-17 years old by January 1, 2019 and not older than 17 years old by June 1 of the year they will participate
2. commit to attend at least once/week for the entire summer (June 9 - August 3, 2019), with only two excused absences. After completing one summer (with a minimum of 34 hours), you may be invited to join the year-round program (September - May). We will meet once/month; on Saturdays
3. have an exceptional interest in animals and the environment
4. have the desire and ability to work with people of all ages
5. submit your application and 2 reference forms no later than 4 p.m. on March 1, 2019.

**If selected, Zoo Crew teens must:**

1. attend an orientation session with parent or guardian
2. attend all training sessions
3. commit to at least one six-hour shift per week (9:30 am - 3:30 pm)
4. always wear his/her uniform while on duty - Zoo Crew shirt and name tag & your own khaki shorts or pants

### COST

\$67 fee covers uniform, nametag, training, handbook, materials and activities, and wrap-up party.

(A limited number of scholarships are available for those demonstrating financial need. r application.)

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Questions?

Call 216-661-6500 x4031

# Zoo Crew Application

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo/ Teen Program

**\*Please Note: \*Applicants must be 13 years old by January 1, 2019; not older than 17 by June 1 of the year they wish to participate. Application Deadline March 1, 2019 @ 4:00pm \*\*Return completed application & 2 reference forms to: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Zoo Crew Program, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 no later than 4 p.m. on March 1, 2019.**

***Please Print Clearly – complete both sides!***

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: (adult size) S M L XL 2XL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (teen) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ \*Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have reliable transportation to the Zoo? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Zoo Crew program? \_\_\_\_\_

## References:

*To be considered for this program you must have two reference forms enclosed. One form must be filled out by a science teacher. The other can be filled out by any adult who knows you well, who is not a family member. Forms given to you in a sealed envelope must not be opened!*

## **PARENTS, PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION BELOW. Who should be contacted in an emergency, if parent/guardian is unavailable?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

## **Medical Information**

Physician/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Taken Daily \_\_\_\_\_

Any other medical condition we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

I support my child's desire to be considered for the Zoo Crew program in 2019. I understand that s/he will commit to attend once/week for the entire summer and will be permitted only two absences from the program. Based on my child's attendance and evaluation, s/he may also be invited to participate in the year-round program and be permitted only two absences. I do understand that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that **all application materials** (application and two reference forms) are completed in full and returned to the above address before the deadline of 4 p.m. on March 1, 2019 to be considered and/or entered into the lottery for the Zoo Crew program. Partial, incomplete or late applications and/or reference forms will not be considered for the Zoo Crew program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please complete the other side**

Please answer all questions as completely as possible. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary. Don't ask for help in answering the questions! We want to know what *you* think!

What makes you a good candidate for the Zoo Crew program?

Do you think Zoos are important? Why or why not?

Many people know that recycling is a good way to help the environment. What other things have you done to protect local wildlife and wild places?



**To The Reference:**

This student is applying to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's teen program – Zoo Crew. The students we select for this program must show desire and ability to teach others, a sincere interest in wildlife, and the maturity to work independently and make a weekly commitment during the summer. Zoo Crew teens will participate in conservation projects on and off grounds, assist with on-grounds events and talk to our visitors about conservation issues.

We appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Please complete **both sides** of this form. Thank you for your valuable time. This program is very important to the Zoo and to the students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoo's Education Division at (216) 661-6500 x4031.

**To the Student:**

Please give one copy to a science teacher (current or *recent* past) and one copy to an adult who knows you well, but is **not** a family member.

Please be sure to give these forms out at least two weeks before the application deadline. If the form is returned to you in a sealed envelope, please do not open it.

No applications will be considered unless an application and two completed reference forms are returned to the Zoo by 4 p.m. on March 1, 2019.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what capacity have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities, experiences, etc. of this applicant that would be helpful for us to know about? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you describe this student's relationship with his/her peers? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How would you describe this student's relationship with adults? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please evaluate the student:*

Scale: 1= outstanding    2=very good    3=average    4=below average    U=unknown

- ORAL COMMUNICATION \_\_\_\_\_
- ABILITY TO ANALYZE A PROBLEM \_\_\_\_\_
- CURIOSITY \_\_\_\_\_
- CREATIVITY \_\_\_\_\_
- DEPENDABILITY \_\_\_\_\_
- SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_
- SELF MOTIVATION \_\_\_\_\_
- ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY \_\_\_\_\_
- REACTION TO CRITICISM \_\_\_\_\_
- REGARD FOR AUTHORITY \_\_\_\_\_
- COOPERATION WITH PEERS \_\_\_\_\_
- ADAPTABILITY \_\_\_\_\_
- SENSITIVITY TO OTHERS' FEELINGS \_\_\_\_\_
- ABILITY TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS \_\_\_\_\_
- PERSEVERANCE \_\_\_\_\_

I would recommend this student to the Zoo Crew program:

- with enthusiasm
- with reservation\* (please explain below)
- do not recommend \*(please explain below)

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (may we contact you if necessary?)

**IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN  
CONFIDENTIAL, PLEASE  
RETURN THIS FORM TO THE  
STUDENT IN A SEALED  
ENVELOPE, WITH YOUR  
SIGNATURE OVER THE SEAL.**

**Return reference forms to:  
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - Zoo Crew Program, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 or  
fax to 216-661-3312 (Attention: Zoo Crew Program).  
Deadline to submit references and application: 4 p.m. on MARCH 1, 2019**