



Volunteer/Intern APPLICATION

Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium volunteers work closely with zookeeper and aquarium staff performing basic husbandry duties and exhibit maintenance. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and provide proof of age. Volunteers are required to work a minimum of 8 hours per week for at least 10 weeks and maintain a professional attitude and appearance as you are representing the zoo and aquarium. Dress code consists of comfortable, appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes, no sandals. Keep in mind, you will get dirty.

There are 6 areas in which to volunteer: hoof stock, birds & primates, reptiles, small mammals, ponds & carnivores, and the aquarium. Big cats are excluded from the volunteer program due to obvious liability. One volunteer is assigned to each keeper per day. Reptiles, small mammals, and the aquarium are mostly indoors, the remaining 3 are outdoors. Volunteers working in outside areas must be capable of working in all weather conditions including temperatures above 100°F. Aquarium volunteers wanting to dive must first complete at least 64 hours of service. All divers must be open water certified and will have to complete a check out dive to qualify. Volunteers are never put in situations or required to perform any job with which they are not comfortable. Due to potential health risks, pregnant volunteers must notify staff and will be reassigned as necessary.

Volunteering at Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium is hard work but very rewarding. Be prepared to stay busy and get dirty. In return, you will earn valuable husbandry experience with exotic wildlife. Successful applicants will learn and perform most of the duties required of an assistant zookeeper or aquarist, under the strict supervision of experienced staff.

Your application will be reviewed by the Volunteer Services Coordinator. IF your qualifications match our needs and availability you will be contacted for an interview. Volunteer openings are limited and competitive. In order to increase your odds of getting an interview, please accompany this application with a résumé. Cell phone usage is permitted only during breaks and is monitored by staff. Volunteers are required to be reliable and punctual in order to maintain good status. Failure to maintain good status can result in termination.

Name: _____
Address: _____

Date: _____

Phone #: _____

Emergency contact: _____
Phone #: _____

Please answer the following:

1. Can you provide proof of age? (You must be 18 or older) _____
2. Do you have reliable transportation? _____
3. Please list reasons for wanting to volunteer. _____

4. Volunteer hours are typically 9am-5pm (zoo) or 8am-4:30pm (aquarium).
Please list # of days per week you would like to volunteer & days available.

5. We try to assign volunteers to their area(s) of choice. Please list your top 3.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
6. Volunteers must meet specific physical requirements. Please answer the following:
a. Are you able to lift 50 lbs? _____
b. Work in the rain or 100°F temps or both? _____
c. Able to climb an 8' ladder? _____
7. Are you scuba certified? _____
If so, by which association? (PADI, NAUI, etc.) _____
8. Please list past or present membership in any zoological, conservation, humane or related organizations. _____

Please provide a résumé to increase your chances of being selected. If not provided, please answer the following:

1. What is your highest level of education? _____

2. Have you volunteered elsewhere? If yes, please list. _____

3. Please list your experience with animal care, exotic or domestic, including pets.

4. Please list your employment history. _____

