

**New York State Zoo at Thompson Park
Prospective Volunteer Application 2012**

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Categories of Volunteer Service

(Please mark each category of volunteer service for which you would like to be considered.)

<u>Check Areas of Interest</u>	<u>Service Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Animal Management	If you would like to help the Keepers with the care of the animals in the Zoo's collection, this is the department for you. Be prepared to work in any weather. To ensure your safety, you will always work with a Keeper and have minimal contact with the animals.
	Grounds/Maintenance	If you like horticulture, construction, or just helping keep the Zoo a well-oiled machine, then this is the department for you. Whether it's raking leaves, building enclosures, or fixing a problem, you will be a part of the backbone of the Zoo that makes it all happen.
	Marketing Department	Help spread the word about the Zoo, plan and prepare for special events, and more. Help with filing, database input, photo copying, mailings, and other clerical duties. Computer skills are helpful but not necessary.
	Guest Services	Have a knack for customer service? Duties include pricing, folding, and straightening merchandise, light cleaning (windows, sweeping, dusting, etc.), greeting and assisting visitors in the Gift Shop, organizing, and occasional bulk mailing preparation.
	Education Department	Assist with Zoo in meeting its educational goals. Duties include leading guided tours, interpretation of animals and environments, facility history, and public speaking.
	'On-Call' for Zoo Events	If you would like to volunteer at special Zoo events, then being an "on-call" volunteer may be for you. This is a good choice for people with busy schedules who can't make a regular commitment.

Describe any previous volunteer experience, skills, talents, or hobbies you may have:

PERMISSION:

I, the undersigned, confess that the above information is factual. **I understand that completing this application does not guarantee me a volunteer position.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*** ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD ***