



# 2020 ZooTeenApplication

- \*Please type or print clearly, using black or blue ink.
- \*Please complete all information on all pages, including the essay questions.
- \*A letter of recommendation from a teacher **MUST** be included with this application.
- \*Incomplete applications may not be considered.
- \*Students must be between 14-18 years or graduating 12th grade.
- \*There is a \$30.00 registration fee.

**CONSIDERATIONS (Please read thoroughly before completing):** We are looking for responsible, enthusiastic students with an interest in working in a zoological environment, and who can interact positively with guests. Students of all academic levels will be considered for the program. There is limited availability and students will have to participate in a phone interview prior to being selected for this program.

## STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Cell phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Email address*

Will you be 14 years of age or older as of June 20, 2020?

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*                      *State*                      *Zip code*

Yes     No

*Birth date* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent Email address*

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*Name of School*

Check Your Current Year in School:

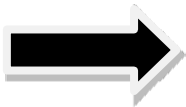
8<sup>th</sup>    9<sup>th</sup>    10<sup>th</sup>    11<sup>th</sup>    12<sup>th</sup> or Graduating

## PLEASE CHECK (✓) YOUR RESPONSES:

Please check your preferred day for class:(Not Guaranteed)      Tuesday      Thursday      Either Day

Check Shirt Size:  S    M    L    XL    2XL (Adult sizes)       Men's    Women's

**Hours Requirements:** We ask Zoo Teens to volunteer **42 hours throughout the summer**. This is done by volunteering one day a week through the seven week Zoo Teen Program.



Before submitting this application, students with busy schedules such as sports, band camps, long vacations, jobs, etc., should carefully consider whether they have the time to commit to the program. Parental and family involvement is **NECESSARY**, as transportation, encouragement and support of the teens are critical for a great experience. Missing more than two scheduled days may affect program participation.

Zoo Teens will be scheduled for one day of classes (to be determined) and will choose one other day a week to volunteer.

**Orientation**

There will be a mandatory orientation on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9a.m. - 12p.m. This is designed to showcase the duties and responsibilities of a Zoo Teen and will allow students to ask questions and learn more specific details about the program.

I will attend the Orientation:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday, June 20, 2020 9a.m-12p.m.**

(Initial here)

**STUDENT COMMITMENT**

Students involved in the Zoo Teen Program are expected to follow the same guidelines as Zoo employees. If selected, Zoo Teens are required to report to their assignment on their scheduled days. A typical day is from 9am to 4pm with a hour lunch, but the schedule may vary based on the needs of the specific assignment, daily programming and staffing. In the case of an absence, it is the responsibility of the Zoo Teen to contact the Coordinator of their absence.

**ZOO TEEN APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:**

I understand that I will participate in a Zoo Teen interview, and that this interview is not a guarantee that I will be selected for a position in the Zoo Teen Program. I understand that if I am selected, I must attend Zoo Teen Orientation and all other required trainings. In addition, I understand that I must follow all policies and procedures of the Zoo Teen Program, including uniform guidelines. I have considered my spring/summer activities and agree that I will not miss more than two scheduled class or volunteer days.

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*Zoo Teen Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

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*Printed Name*

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*Work phone*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Cell phone*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN OF ZOO TEEN APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:**

I understand that if selected as a participant in the Zoo Teen Program, my son/daughter/ward will be committed to volunteering at the Zoo on scheduled days. As a parent/guardian, I will support my son/daughter/ward's participation by providing and facilitating transportation, encouragement and support as needed. I also understand that I will be required to sign an acknowledgment of risk form and a zoo liability release form if my son/daughter/ward is accepted into the Zoo Teen Program.

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*

**PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION, ALONG WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER, MENTOR OR EMPLOYER, TO:**

NYS Zoo at Thompson Park, One Thompson Park Watertown, NY 13601

**-OR- FAX to 315.782.6192 - OR - Return by email to [sylvan@nyszoo.org](mailto:sylvan@nyszoo.org)**

Contact Haley Sylvan at 315-755-0896 or via email at [sylvan@nyszoo.org](mailto:sylvan@nyszoo.org) with any questions.

**The deadline for completed applications including Letter of Recommendation, is May 27, 2020**

**Applications postmarked, emailed, faxed or delivered after this deadline may not be considered.**



