

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

We know that you have many options for giving back to your community & we are excited that you have chosen our organization for your Volunteer efforts! Please complete the following application and return to our Curator of Conservation Education for review through either mail, e-mail, or at the Zoo's admissions desk.

****please complete all fields & write clearly****

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*this will be our primary form of contacting you

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

*not a required entry but helpful in case of emergency

Please list the types of activities that you are interested in helping with at the Zoo. There are many opportunities for involvement, and we take every opportunity to meet our Volunteer's passions.

Are there any activities you are unwilling/uncomfortable helping with at the Zoo? Please List.

Have you ever been removed or asked to leave an organization due to allegations regarding your behavior or personal conduct? Yes / No Explain: _____

Have you or are you currently under investigation, accused of, or charges with abuse or endangering the welfare of a minor child? Yes / No Explain: _____

Are you aware of any reason not listed that may call into question your suitability to volunteer at the Zoo?
Yes / No Explain: _____

We will review your application promptly and reach out to invite you to our next orientation session. Each orientation session includes a Volunteer Handbook review, an introduction to the Volunteer opportunities available at the Zoo, and a tour of the facilities to help familiarize new Volunteers with our organization. Thank you for your interest in Volunteering with us!

Curator of Conservation Education
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New York State Zoo at Thompson Park (NYSZTP) Volunteer Agreement and Release from Liability

I recognize that as a Volunteer I represent the NYSZTP to the public. I accept responsibility for this status and will conduct myself in a professional manner while representing this organization.

Please initial here: _____

I will not participate in any sort of harassment, exploitation, and/or intimidation or bullying while on Zoo grounds. I will work to maintain an atmosphere of physical and emotional safety for all staff, associated personnel, and guests on Zoo grounds and will report any inappropriate behavior that I witness while on Zoo grounds to a staff member.

Please initial here: _____

I agree to maintain the confidentiality of all Zoo staff and associated personnel of whom I may have personal knowledge, as well as the confidentiality of behind-the-scenes practices, information and images/videos that have not been released to the public by NYSZTP officials.

Please initial here: _____

Any direct contact with any animal under the permits of the Thompson Park Zoo & Conservancy will result in immediate dismissal from participation unless expressly authorized by staff via permits held by this organization.

Please initial here: _____

I am aware that as a Volunteer I expose myself to potential hazards which include but are not limited to: sharp objects, wild animals, environmental hazards, utility vehicles, power tools, landscaping tools, cleaning chemicals, and more.

Please initial here: _____

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with my participation in programs on NYSZTP grounds and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand that other Zoo participants/staff, accidents, forces of nature or other sources may cause these risks and dangers and I hereby accept these risks and dangers.

Please initial here: _____

I agree that my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians and other legal representatives will not make any claim against, or sue for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any employee, agent or contractor of the organization as a result of my participation as a Volunteer. I hereby release the Thompson Park Zoo & Conservancy and its officers, staff, and agents from all actions, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury resulting from my participation as a Volunteer.

Please initial here: _____

If my Volunteer service includes driving an automobile, I acknowledge that I have both a valid driver's license and automobile liability insurance policy as required by state law. I agree to maintain my license and insurance in good standing throughout my tenure as a Volunteer for the NYSZTP. I am knowledgeable of and agree to abide by local and state traffic laws. I agree not to drive while under the influence of alcohol and/or intoxicating substances.

Please initial here: _____

I have/will read through **all** forms and handbooks provided to me and I understand that I will be held accountable to the rules, policies, and guidelines listed within these forms and handbooks.

Please initial here: _____

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I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand the contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I sign it of my own free will. I understand that this is an application and that I have not yet been accepted to volunteer at the Zoo unless expressly invited.

Volunteer Printed Name: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____

Date: _____