

# Oklahoma City Zoo Volunteer Opportunities

Title	Education Interpreter	Zoo Ambassador	Special Event Volunteer	Animal Area Volunteer	Horticulture Volunteer	Title
Function	Create and implement education experiences for zoo guests and outreach.	Assist guest upon arrival to the Zoo.	Assist with implementation of special events.	Assist with daily operations of animal collections.	Assist with daily operations of botanical collection on zoo grounds.	Function
Physical Demand	Lift and carry 20-30 lbs., stand or sit for long periods.	Stand or sit for a min. of 2 hours, tolerate heat and cold, hold and carry biofacts.	Must be able to stand or sit for up to 4 hours, lift and carry up to 10-20 lbs., able to tolerate heat and cold.	Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs., tolerate heat and cold, have full range of motion.	Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs., tolerate heat and cold, have full range of motion.	Physical Demand
Skills Needed	Public speaking, dependable, flexible, comfort handling and transporting outreach animals and/or biofacts.	Knowledgeable about the Zoo, comfortable with mixed audiences, enjoy public speaking.	Punctual, energetic, enjoy talking with people, comfortable with a mixed audience.	Comfortable around animals, able to follow verbal instruction, provide appropriate shoes and clothing.	Comfortable around animals, able to follow verbal instruction, provide appropriate shoes and clothing.	Skills Needed
Benefits	40% discount, social events, newsletter, list serve, tickets or family membership	40% discount, social events, newsletter, list serve, zoo tickets.	Discount in gift shop and Canopy and free zoo admission on the day of event, refreshments provided.	40% discount at the zoo, uniform shirt after probation, zoo admission.	40% discount at the zoo, uniform shirt after probation, zoo admission.	Benefits
Commitment	1 year / 50 hours of instruction plus training and meetings	1 year / 50 hours on station plus meetings	Entire shift of event (4-5 hours).	minimum 6 months - 8 hours a day per week. (192 hours)	minimum 6 months - 8 hours a day per week. (192 hours)	Commitment
Evaluation	At least one per year.	At least one per year.	As needed.	As needed	As needed	Evaluation
Shifts/ Hours	February-November, Mon.-Sat. 10AM-2PM - some evenings.	March-October, Mon.-Sat. 10AM-2PM - shift times: 10AM-noon and noon-2PM.	Varies: Haunt the Zoo-evenings, spring/summer events-weekend days.	Saturday-Sunday 8 AM to 5 PM (summer hours may differ). Subject to availability.	Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM (summer hours may differ). Subject to availability.	Shifts/ Hours
Training	Certified Interpretive Guide training (CIG), animal handling, quarterly continuing education and quarterly meetings.	Zoo Orientation, Certified Interpretive Host (CIH) training, attend quarterly meetings.	Orientation provided the day of the event.	Orientation, on the job training provided by animal staff.	Orientation, on the job training provided by animal staff.	Training
Cost	\$20 program fee (waived for current volunteers).	\$20 program fee (waived for current volunteers).	\$0	\$10	\$10	Cost
Comments	Must be 18 years old. Hold a valid driver's license, annual TB test.	Must be 18 years of age.	Must be 18 years of age. No shows and those that leave early will not be permitted to volunteer.	Must be 18 years old, provide current TB test before starting. Placement subject to interview.	Must be 18 years old, provide current TB test before starting. Placement subject to interview.	Comments