

## Junior Curator Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a JC?**

A JC is a teen volunteer at the Oklahoma City. Each year we select a limited number of teens to take part in this “wild” adventure. Teens must be between the ages of 14 and 18 and be in junior high or high school during the school year.

### **What do JCs do?**

A little bit of everything! You will get to work with staff and keepers throughout the zoo doing a variety of things from animal care to assisting with classes to public interaction at special events. Every day as a JC will be different – that’s what makes it so exciting!

### **Which areas are JCs allowed in?**

For your safety and that of the animals, some areas are off limits. JCs are allowed in most areas of the Zoo while with a staff member. This includes Aquaticus, Birds, Commissary, Children’s Zoo, Herpetarium, Island Life, Education and Special Events. Experienced JCs have the opportunity to work in Giraffes, Pachyderm, the Vet and Cat Forest.

### **Can I come to the zoo and work whenever I want to?**

The JC year is from September to August. JC’s can work any day the education building is open! We are open Monday thru Saturday, except for holidays. You are asked to work a total of 100 hours during the course of the year. A normal workday is 8AM to 5PM. You will schedule yourself at least a month in advance. Sign-ups usually take place at monthly meetings.

### **Can I touch the animals?**

Yes and No. There may be times when we ask for volunteers to help work with our outreach animals. Animals on exhibit in the Zoo and those behind the scenes are not touch animals. We respect the “wild” in all the animals at the zoo. They are not pets.

### **Do JCs get paid?**

The experiences that you will have here are worth their weight in gold (not actual money). We guarantee that you will receive as much as you give this program!

### **What is the next step?**

There will be an open house/information session in May. Applications will be available beginning in May as well. Check back for more dates and times in the spring.