

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about what it takes to become a Zoo Crew Teacher! We can't wait to learn more about you. Please complete the following materials and submit them to:

Volunteer Manager
Roger Williams Park Zoo
1000 Elmwood Ave.
Providence, RI 02909
volunteer@rwpzoo.org

Only complete applications will be considered, so please make sure you do all of the following:

1. Fill out the general application
2. Complete the Zoo Crew Teacher Questionnaire (included in this packet)
3. Submit a letter of reference from an adult who can speak about your experience, character, and sense of responsibility. This can be from a teacher, coach, employer, church leader, or any other non-relative with whom you have worked or volunteered
4. Write a one-to-two page essay on one of the following topics:
 - a. What do you think is the biggest conservation issue facing your generation and why?
 - b. What kinds of things can teens do to make a difference in the environment?

Thanks again for applying. Zoo Crew Teacher applications must be received by April 1st.

See you at the Zoo!
Audra Dolan
Manager of Volunteer Programs
Roger Williams Park Zoo

Zoo Crew APPLICATION
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 - 3659
(401) 785 – 3510 x356
(401)941-3988 Fax

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Date of Birth		Current Grade		High School Graduation Date	
Address (street, city, state, zip):					
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		Email:	
Emergency Contact #1 – please put name, relationship, and all phone numbers:					
Emergency Contact #2 – please put name, relationship, and all phone numbers:					

Permission Slip

Parent or Guardian please read and sign the following:

I authorize Roger Williams Park Zoo to use my child's name and photograph for educational and public relations purposes related to the zoo.

I give permission for my child to volunteer at Roger Williams Park Zoo. I understand that my child may be working with the public, handling education animals and working in animal care areas under the supervision of Adult Volunteers or Zoo Staff.

In the event of medical emergency, I give permission for staff trained in emergency medical care to begin first aid. Further, I give permission for my child to be transported to an emergency medical facility to receive treatment when deemed medically necessary and a guardian can not be immediately reached.

Parent's name (Please print)

Child's name (Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian Signature and date

Zoo Crew Questionnaire

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE HAD WITH RWPZOO (if any):

EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A ZOO CREW TEACHER:

LIST ANY SPECIAL SKILLS YOU COULD BRING TO OUR ZOO CREW PROGRAM:

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS OF A ZOO CREW TEACHER?

To be Completed by your Parent or Guardian

Parent or Guardian please read and sign the following:

I, _____, authorize my child,

_____ to be considered for a Zoo Crew Teacher position with Roger Williams Park Zoo's Zoo Crew. I am aware that he/she will be interviewed by the Zoo staff and if selected for the Zoo Crew Teacher program following the interview process, he/she will be required to complete training in May (May 2, 16 and 23) and 10 shifts over the summer. Each shift is 5 hours long (10am-3pm).

If my child is selected for a Zoo Crew position at Roger Williams Park Zoo, I agree to complete a confidential medical information form for my child and to return this form to the Zoo staff prior to my child beginning as a Zoo Crew Teacher. I understand that my child's acceptance into the Zoo Crew Teacher program is contingent upon the receipt of this form. Additionally, my child has or I will provide reliable and on-time transportation to and from the Zoo for their Zoo Crew Teacher shift.

Signature (parent or guardian)

Date

Alright! You're almost done with your application to be a Zoo Crew Teacher. Just make sure you also include:

Reference. Please include a letter of reference from an adult who can speak about your experience, character and sense of responsibility. This can be from a teacher, employer, coach, church leader or any non-relative with whom you have worked or volunteered.

Essay Write a one-to-two page essay on **one** of the following topics:

- a. What do you think is the biggest conservation issue facing your generation and why?
- b. What kinds of things can teens do to make a difference in the environment?

The Process:

After we have received your completed application, we will contact you to schedule an interview. In the end of May, applicants will be notified if they have been accepted in the program. There is a limit to how many positions we have available. If you are not accepted, then we hope that you will apply again next year.

Questions:

If you got them, I want to hear them! I am available for any questions or concerns. You can reach me at:

Audra Dolan

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And when you are done, send those applications to me!

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