

Dear Zoo Boise Volunteer Applicant,



Thank you for your interest in volunteering your time to Zoo Boise. Before you choose Zoo Boise as a place to donate your time, please read through the entire application. For more information, please visit Zoo Boise's website at www.zooboise.org or contact 384-4260 ext 206.

WHY DOES ZOO BOISE NEED VOLUNTEERS? Zoo Boise's Mission is *to increase public awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the zoo, wild animals, animal habitat, species conservation, and the environment.* Volunteer staff provides great assistance to zoo staff in helping Zoo Boise fulfill our mission.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

ZOO NATURALIST - Zoo Naturalists combine their knowledge about animals and ecology with the use of animal artifacts, exhibits and live animals to engage zoo visitors in a wildlife learning experience. Zoo Naturalists assist with tours and programs for schools, Discovery Stations for zoo visitors, and animal care (optional) for the education animals. Minimum 8 hours per month, March - October. Application required.

ANIMAL CARE – Volunteers assist Animal Care staff with exhibit maintenance (includes removing feces and dirty bedding from exhibits, cleaning exhibit glass), diet preparation and feeding of some animals, animal observations, and preparing animal enrichments. Animal Care volunteers should be in good physical condition, able to lift 50 lbs., and be willing to get dirty! Minimum 4 hours per week commitment for one year. Application required.

CONSERVATION CRUISE CAPTAIN - Volunteers will have the opportunity to educate Zoo Boise visitors while driving the Conservation Cruise across the lagoon into Africa. Captains will teach visitors about the Zoo Boise Conservation Fund, recently funded projects, and how they can contribute to wildlife conservation. Minimum 3 hours per week, May – October. Application required.

GIRAFFE FEEDING STATION - Volunteers will be responsible for working with the Animal Care staff and visitors to conduct a morning public giraffe feeding. The volunteer will ensure that the feeding goes well, will educate the public and answer questions, and will be trained to deal with any potential issues that could arise. Minimum 2 hours per week commitment for one year. Application required.

FARM FEEDING STATION ATTENDANT - Volunteers will educate visitors about the animals found in the Farm Feeding Station. They will assist in the feeding and general upkeep of the station. Minimum 4 hours per week, March - October. Application required.

WALLABY WALK-ABOUT - Volunteers will provide an opportunity for visitors to walk through the wallaby exhibit and learn more about wallabies, habitat, and conservation. The volunteer will educate the public and answer questions and will be trained to deal with any potential issues that could arise. Minimum 3 hours per week, March – October. Application required.

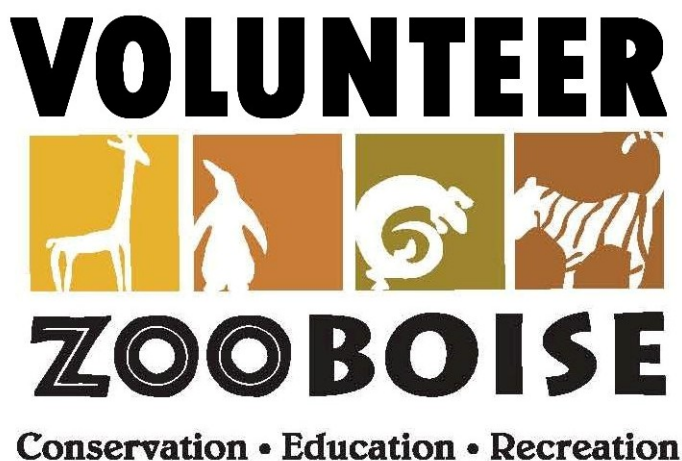
SOUTHERN IDAHO GROUND SQUIRREL (SIGS) CONSERVATION TEAM - Volunteers will monitor success of re-introducing SIGS species into native habitat. They will be responsible to provide supplemental feed to squirrels, track and monitor squirrels with radio collars, identify and map burrows, and conduct simple observations of activity and behavior. Minimum of one field day per week May – June, with additional site preparation in March and April. Application required.

SPECIAL EVENT - Volunteers will participate in a variety of fund-raising special events throughout the year including *Eggstravaganza* (March or April), *ZooDaze* (May), *Ice Cream Zoofari* (June, July & August), and *Boo at the Zoo* (October). To make sure these events are successful, Zoo Boise relies on help from both adult and teen volunteers. For more information, contact the 384-4260 ext 206. Applications and materials fees are not required for volunteering at special events. Minimum age for participation is 15 (in High School).

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP PROJECTS - Are you part of an organization, such as a work, youth, or school group that is interested in a Community Service Project? Zoo Boise frequently has exhibit enhancement and landscaping projects available. Zoo Boise may guide you with your own conservation project. The minimum age for participation is 15. For more information, contact 384-4260 ext 206.

APPLICATION DUE DATE & INTERVIEWS Complete applications are accepted year-round but are due on March 1st and September 1st. Send applications to address below (attn: Volunteer Coordinator) or deliver to the zoo main entrance between 10am-5pm. Applications by email or fax will not be accepted. Interviews will be scheduled for the first full week of March and September will last one hour, and will be conducted at Zoo Boise after applications are accepted.

TRAINING If accepted as a Zoo Boise volunteer, attendance at a twelve hour volunteer orientation and a \$35 materials fee will be required. Orientations are usually held on a Friday evening and all day Saturday. Dates are posted on the website.



EMPLOYMENT

Current Employment _____
Company Position

Supervisor & Phone # Years of Service

Previous Employment _____
Company Position

Supervisor & Phone # Years of Service

Volunteer Employment _____
Non-profit Organization Position

Supervisor & Phone # Years of Service

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

The Volunteer Coordinator will contact your reference. Final acceptance into Zoo Boise volunteer programs will not occur until we have heard from them.

Please provide the following information (do not list friends or family members).

Reference Name Relationship How long you have known this person

Complete Address Phone number

EXPERIENCES

Describe any training, skills, and/or certificates that may enhance your ability to be a successful volunteer for Zoo Boise.

When was the last time you visited Zoo Boise? _____

Why would you like to volunteer at Zoo Boise? _____

How did you find out about Zoo Boise's volunteer programs? If a friend referred you, please provide this person's name so that we can thank them for the referral!

AVAILABILITY

Please check the boxes below that represent your regularly available hours.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning							
Afternoon							

Do you anticipate a change in this schedule? If so, when? _____

Please list any other additional information about your schedule _____

How long can you commit to volunteering at Zoo Boise? _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Please include anything that you feel Zoo Boise personnel should be aware of in case of an emergency.

Medical Conditions: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

COMMENTS _____

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INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER WAIVER

Name of Volunteer: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Mobile Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (Print Name): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

AGREEMENT BY VOLUNTEER:

I agree to volunteer my services to the City of Boise in accordance with the following understandings:

1. I will offer my services with no expectation of pay, benefits or other privileges of employment of any kind. I certify that I have not been promised and have no expectation that I will receive a paid position as a result of my volunteer work.
2. I understand that placement into volunteer positions are at the sole discretion of the City of Boise. Accordingly, my volunteer assignment/service may be withdrawn or terminated at any time.
3. My volunteer service will not confer on me the status of a City employee, while acting within the scope of this Agreement.
4. I certify that I have been given and have read the City of Boise Volunteer Handbook. I understand my job duties and the potential hazards/risks that are involved, if any, for this volunteer position. I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of my physical condition and I will not engage in physical activities that are beyond my capabilities. I will notify my volunteer coordinator/supervisor of any significant change in my ability to do the work. If special skills are required for this project, I acknowledge I have been appropriately informed of the required tasks.
5. If photographed, I grant the City of Boise permission to use my image in any and all publicity, advertising and promotional materials, including web site entries, media releases, pamphlets or any other legitimate uses that the City of Boise may deem proper without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I hereby authorize the City of Boise to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my photo appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the City of Boise from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.
6. If I drive a personal vehicle to and from a volunteer project, I certify that the vehicles are properly insured as required by Idaho State Law.
7. I understand and agree that the City is not responsible for any of my personal property that is lost, damaged or stolen while I am participating as a volunteer.
8. If the volunteer is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian or supervising adult must sign this Agreement.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required if under 18)

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Relationship to Volunteer