



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 connects our visitors with animals to inspire and involve our community in the conservation of wildlife worldwide.* Volunteer staff provides great assistance to zoo staff in helping Zoo Boise fulfill our mission.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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 1st – October 15th. Application required.

ZOO NATURALIST* - Volunteers will be working with the public in a variety of ways, and will rotate through five areas as needed. Minimum 4 hours per week, March 26th – October 30th. (With an option to run until late November). The five areas are:

Butterfly Exhibit – Monitor entrance and exit through this walk through exhibit as well as providing light exhibit maintenance and visitor education.

Education Stations – Engage zoo visitors with the use of animal artifacts, exhibits and live animals.

Zoo Farm – Educate visitors while assisting with animal feeding and general upkeep of the station.

Giraffe Feeding Station – Assist keeper with daily feedings by answering visitor questions, collecting money and visitor line management.

Wallaby Walkabout Exhibit - Monitor walk through of the wallaby exhibit and teach visitors about wallabies, habitat and conservation.

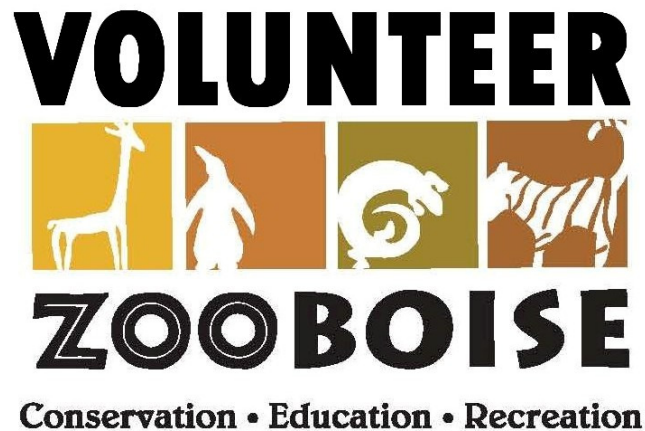
*Optional – Lead and assist with tours for zoo visitors and school groups.

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 February 15th 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 to 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 twenty hour volunteer orientation and a \$35 materials fee will be required. Orientations are usually held on a Friday evening and all day on two Saturdays.



PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Please list those who are familiar with your character. (Do not list friends or family members) References will be checked.

Name Address Zip Phone

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Do you use illegal drugs? YES NO
- 2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? YES NO
- 3. Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse? YES NO
- 4. Has you driver's license ever been suspended? YES NO

If yes, provide details, including nature and date(s) of offense, and disposition

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 hear about the Volunteer Program at Zoo Boise? _____

Please describe any volunteer experience including organization names and locations.

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 any information of which you feel Zoo Boise personnel should be aware of in case of an emergency.

Medical Conditions: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS _____

* By submitting this application, I agree to undergo a criminal background check.

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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