



Zoofari Program Application

Completed Applications Due by June 1st

Due to the popularity of this program, we can ONLY accept 20 applicants.

Zoofari is a Riverside Discovery Center education program for youth, ages 14-17, who have an interest in the natural world and in gaining leadership skills. This summer Zoofari students will be able to:

- Assist zookeepers in caring for some of the animals
- Help out with fun summer events
- Learn about Animal Enrichment
- Be trained to handle a diverse collection of education animals
- Engage the public in conservation using education animals and biofacts
- Gain leadership skills, public speaking skills, enhance your resume and have fun fulfilling summer

Mandatory Training: June 5th | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Zoofari Dates: June 5th-August 14th¹ Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm+Additional opportunities available after Summer

Some event days that fall on Saturdays please stay until 3 pm (Calendar will be given of all event days during the orientation)

Expectations

The Zoofari program is dynamic and consists of four main volunteer opportunities; zookeeper shadowing, education camps, special events, and discovery stations. Zoofari youth are required to sign up for a **minimum of 15 days** (with the option of doing more), split into the following categories:

ZooKeeper Day 5

Camp Day 2

Event Day 3

Discovery Station 6

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Total Required Days 15

Cost: \$120/ members; \$140/ nonmembers

Applicant's name _____ **Age** _____ **Birth date** _____

Address _____ **City/state** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number _____ **Applicant's Email** _____

School currently attending _____ **Grade** _____

Number of school days missed thus far this school year _____ **T-shirt size** _____

How did you learn about the Zoofari program?

Why do you want to be a part of the Zoofari program?

What other groups/ organizations do you belong to?

What qualities do you possess to be an excellent teen volunteer?

List any other volunteer experiences (name of place and what your tasks were)



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Do you have any previous experiences speaking in public or working with animals? If so where?

Do you have any special needs, requirements or allergies? If yes, please explain

Parent/ Guardian name(s)

Parent/Guardian email address _____

Daytime phone for guardian _____ Which guardian? _____

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Address of Second Guardian (if applicable) _____ daytime phone _____

City/state _____ Zip _____

Parent/ Guardian signature _____

Please return this completed form by **June 1st** to:

Riverside Discovery Center c/o Kevin Plath

1600 S. Beltline Hwy W

Scottsbluff, NE 69361

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308-632-2233

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PICTURE RELEASE: From time to time, pictures are taken of the children doing program activities, for the local newspaper, television station or other promotional material. It is essential to have parental permission before any pictures may be published. Please fill out and sign below.

- € Yes, I give my permission for picture(s) of my child(ren) to be published in the local newspaper, television station, or Riverside Discovery Center promotional material.
- € No, I do not give my permission for picture(s) of my child(ren) to be published in the local newspaper, television station, or promotional material.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Riverside Discovery Center

Hold Harmless Volunteer Agreement

I, the undersigned, upon registering as a participant or as the parent or legal guardian for a volunteer at Riverside Discovery Center, hereby acknowledge the existence of and assume full responsibility for certain risks associated with volunteering, which may cause damages to personal property, or personal bodily injury or death to the participant, and, furthermore, agree to indemnify and hold forever harmless the Riverside Discovery Center, its Board of Directors, employees, volunteers and partners against loss from any claims, demands or actions that may hereafter or at anytime be made or brought against Riverside Discovery Center its Board of Directors, agents and employees, volunteers and partners on account of damage to personal property, or bodily injury or death to the participant sustained in consequence of the aforesaid permitted activity.

Date

Name (printed)

Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian of Participant

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