

# JUNIOR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

## A. General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size – Circle One (adult size)                      S      M      L      XL      XXL

Last grade completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Skills

Previous Volunteer Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any Zoo programs you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to volunteer at The Texas Zoo? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Jr. Volunteer program? \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Availability

Circle each day you are available:

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Can you be at the Zoo by 8:00 AM?    Yes    No

Can you be picked up by 4:30 PM?    Yes    No

**D. Interests**

Which area do you prefer?

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Zookeeper: assists keeper staff by preparing food, cleaning animal enclosures, providing enrichment, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Zooteacher: assists education staff with camps, presents animal programs, ect.

**E. Important Notes**

Please check each one and have a parent or guardian initial each:

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are selected as a Jr. Volunteer, you and your parent or guardian must attend the Safety and Orientation meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, you cannot volunteer this year.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are selected, you will be required to sign a medical release form due at the Zoo by the Safety and Orientation meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are selected, there will be a \$55 fee for your uniform, supplies, and individual membership. If you'd like a family membership instead, the fee is \$80. This is due by the Safety and Orientation meeting.

**F. Additional Materials**

**ESSAY:** Please write and attach a one-page, double spaced, typed essay describing why you think zoos are important and how they are used as conservation education tools. If reapplying, you must submit a new essay.

**REFERENCES:** Please attach 2 letters of recommendation. The letters must be from current teachers, school administrators, or community leaders. Letters from parents/relatives will not be accepted.

Should you be chosen to participate in the Jr. Volunteer program, it is imperative that you be at the zoo when you are scheduled. This requires parents/guardians to be in full support of you and the program. This includes providing necessary transportation, signing of a release form, etc. Parent signature is required to complete the application.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be returned no later than May 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians of accepted volunteers are required to attend an information meeting at The Texas Zoo, Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Junior Volunteer program begins 6/11/12. All applicants must attend orientation/training on 6/11/12.**

**Students must be 13 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to apply. All training is mandatory. There will be no exceptions.**