

Roosevelt Park Zoo

2026 Zoo Teen Volunteer Program

If you are passionate about animals, love helping people and have ever wondered what it's like working at a zoo, Roosevelt Park Zoo's Zoo Teen Volunteer Program is just for you! The purpose of the Zoo Teen Volunteer Program is to enhance the zoo experience with daily activities and develop leaders who make positive change happen for people, for animals and for the environment. We are accepting a maximum of 24 qualified, committed teens.

Requirements

- 13 years or older
- Attend orientation and training day (dates provided below)
- Provide own transportation to & from the zoo
- Maintain a positive attitude & have a willingness to help with all activities assigned
- Able to work as a team and independently
- Submit a completed application & one letter of recommendation
- Submit a background check application
- Able to commit 60 hours of volunteering between May-August
- Ability to commit to 1 volunteer shift per week during summer
 - Exceptions can be made if approved ahead of time

Possible Zoo Teen Duties:

- Assist with Zoo Summer Camp in June and July
- Help with special events, games and crafts
- Greet visitors and talk to the public about animals throughout the zoo.
- Learn about zoo history and its animals
- Make the zoo a fun and safe place for guest

Training Dates: Zoo Auditorium

- Parent & Teen Orientation: Tue, May 5th from 6-7:15pm (**teen and one** parent/guardian must attend)
- Training Day: Sat, May 9th from 9am-3pm (Zoo Teen only)

How to Apply:

- Applications and one letter of recommendation **due by Friday May 1st**
- Recommendation letter must be from someone who **IS NOT** related to you
 - Recommendation letter can be emailed to ChelseaM@minotparks.com or mailed to Roosevelt Park Zoo C/O Chelsea Mihalick 1219 Burdick Expressway East Minot, ND 58701



2026 Zoo Teen Application

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Name: _____ Teen Number: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Grade Currently In: _____ School: _____

Teen Email: _____ Birth Date: _____

Returning Zoo Teens are exempt from submitting a recommendation letter.
Are you a returning Zoo Teen? Yes: ___ No: ___

Are you able to attend both meeting days - Yes: ___ No: ___

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Zoo Teen T-shirt Shirt Size: _____ Second Zoo Teen T-shirt (\$8):

Shirt Size offered: Adult SM - XL

Reason if you cannot attend orientation and/or training day:

Parent or Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Additional Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Two References that are not related to you with telephone number:

1. _____ Phone: _____

How do you know them: _____

2. _____ Phone: _____

How do you know them: _____

Introduce yourself! What do you want us to know about you? There are no wrong answers, we love hearing things like; what are you passionate about? What talents or skills do you have? Do you play sports or an instrument? Have you had a cool animal or conservation experiences? What's your favorite color or what do you want to do for a living?

Why do you want to be a Zoo Teen?

What skills can you bring to Roosevelt Park Zoo from the activities, hobbies or other volunteering that you like to do? How do they influence who you are?

How will the experience of being a volunteer Zoo Teen impact your future?

An important part of the Zoo Teen Program is developing new skills and learning new abilities. What are three things you think you could learn or are hoping to get out of this experience?

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Thank you for applying to be a Zoo Teen at Roosevelt Park Zoo!
All applicants will be contacted by phone by Friday May 1st.

