



PHILADELPHIA ZOO

CONSERVATION STEWARDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Conservation Stewards provide interpretation and support for the “Creatures of Habitat” exhibit between April 10 and October 31, 2010. Successful volunteers will engage guests in conservation conversations about habitat loss facing the nine species highlighted by the “Creatures of Habitat” exhibit. Conservation Stewards may work alone or be paired with education staff and volunteers. All interested volunteers must submit a Volunteer Application and attend an orientation before they can begin volunteering. Orientations will be held once per month between March and August on weekends and evenings.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Office at volunteer@phillyzoo.org or 215-243-5200. Visit www.philadelphiazoo.org to download an application.

COMMITMENT:

- Volunteers may sign up for one shift only or commit to six shifts, therefore becoming an ongoing Zoo volunteer, entitling them to all volunteer benefits (see below).
- Shifts are 9am – 1:30pm or 1pm – 5:30pm, any day of the week. Scheduling is flexible.

REQUIREMENTS:

For All Volunteers

- Be a minimum of 18 years old. Exceptions may be granted, subject to an individual interview.
- Learn interpretive material quickly.
- Communicate effectively with guests, including large crowds and individuals, of all ages and diverse backgrounds.
- Work outside for long periods of time.
- Follow all Zoo policies as outlined in the Volunteer Handbook.

For On-Going Volunteers (Minimum of 6 Shifts)

- Attend orientation session.
- Complete Volunteer Application, PA Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance.
- The first shift is probationary. Public Programs staff has the discretion to dismiss volunteers who do not successfully complete their first shift.

BENEFITS:

- Volunteers who work one shift may enjoy the Zoo the day of their shift.
- Volunteers who commit to six shifts will receive:
 - Volunteer t-shirt and ID badge which entitle them to free admission and parking for themselves
 - 30% discount at concession stands and on most purchases at the ZooShop
 - 10% discount on fee-based programs and new memberships



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- Monthly volunteer newsletter
- Invitation to volunteer events
- 6 Zoo passes upon fulfillment of their commitment
- Opportunity to join the Hospitality Team upon fulfillment of their commitment