



**BREVARD ZOO**  
**2010 ZOO TEEN APPLICATION**

AGES 13 – 16

(Must Turn 13 By January 1, 2010)

Directions: Please follow the check list below to complete the application.

- Complete all areas with hand written responses.
- Use only blue or black ink to complete responses.
- Follow the point guide at each question to help you in your responses.
- Deliver the following in an envelope to Brevard Zoo by 5 p.m. Saturday, November 14, 2009. All required pieces should be submitted together to be considered:
  - Zoo Teen Contact Information Form
  - Zoo Teen Questionnaire
  - One Academic Teacher Evaluation Form in a sealed envelope with their name written on the seal (If home-schooled, please have a non-related adult fill out)
  - One Letter of Recommendation from a non-related adult in a sealed envelope with their name written on the seal
  - Involvement Contract signed by teen and parent
  - Photo of Applicant

**Late Applications and Incomplete Applications (applications missing pieces) will not be reviewed.**

**Return to:  
Meg Lieth  
Education Department  
Brevard Zoo  
8225 North Wickham Road  
Melbourne, Florida 32940**



**BREVARD ZOO**

# **ZOO TEEN CONTACT INFORMATION**

Ages 13-16 (Teen Must Be 13 by January 1, 2010)

**Due Date: 5p.m. November 14, 2009**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
(office use only)

**Getting to Know You**

**5 points**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Teen's Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (You will be notified at this address when your application is received)

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Point Guide**

Objective	Points Allowed	Points Allotted
Followed directions on cover page	0 pts. = Did not complete all sections 2 pts. = Used blue or black ink 3 pts. = Completed all areas	

**Optional Information:**

Did you ever attend Zoo Camp? Yes or No If so, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

At what age did you last attend? \_\_\_\_\_ (Attending camp does not provide privilege.)

Did you attend Zoo School as a fifth grader? Yes or No (Attending zoo school does not provide privilege)

How did you hear about the Zoo Teen Program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for the Zoo Teen Program in the past? Yes or No

Do you know anyone that has participated in the Zoo Teen Program? Yes or No

If yes, provide name and date they were a Zoo Teen \_\_\_\_\_



3. <sup>3A</sup> What are three (3) of your positive character traits? State an example for each.  
<sup>3B</sup> What are three (3) of your character flaws? State an example of each.

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Point Guide

Objective	Points Allowed	Points Allotted
Obtain an honest, relevant response that gives insight to how the person sees themselves.	0 pts. = Did not complete 0-5 pts. = Provided 3 character traits to 3A 0-5 pts. = Provided specific reasons for 3A 0-5 pts. = Provided 3 flaws to 3B 0-5 pts. = Provided specific reasons for 3B	

4. <sup>4A</sup> What activities and hobbies are you involved in both at school and away from school? <sup>4B</sup> What time commitment is involved in these activities? <sup>4C</sup> Accepting a position into the Zoo Teen Program is a big commitment. How will you organize your schedule to include volunteering at the Zoo while still participating in both your family and extracurricular activities?

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Point Guide

Objective	Points Allowed	Points Allotted
Obtain an honest, relevant response that gives insight to the individual's obligations and interests.	0 pts. = Did not complete 0-5 pts. = Provided a response for 4A 0-5 pts. = Provided a response for 4B 0-5 pts. = Provided a plan for organizing activities	

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Point Guide

Objective	Points Allowed	Points Received
Obtain teen and parent signature.	0 = Did not complete 5 = Completed with both signatures and dates	



BREVARD ZOO  
**ZOO TEEN PROGRAM**  
**TEACHER EVALUATION**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

This form will be used to evaluate potential Zoo Teen Volunteers. **For consideration, this evaluation must be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.** Completed applications are due at the Zoo no later than 5 p.m. November 14, 2009.

Please rate the student's performance based on the following numerical scale:

- |   |                           |   |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | <b>Outstanding</b>        | <i>Performance is exceptional.</i>        |
| 2 | <b>Very Good</b>          | <i>Consistently exceeds requirements.</i> |
| 3 | <b>Good</b>               | <i>Competent &amp; dependable.</i>        |
| 4 | <b>Improvement Needed</b> | <i>Does not meet requirements.</i>        |
| 5 | <b>Unsatisfactory</b>     | <i>Unacceptable behavior.</i>             |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Level of maturity.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Willingness to take initiative.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Level of dependability and responsibility.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Level of participation and enthusiasm.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Level of organizational skills.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_





**BREVARD ZOO**  
**ZOO TEEN PROGRAM**  
**INVOLVMENT CONTRACT**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The Zoo Teen Program at Brevard Zoo is an extensive twelve (12) month commitment that typically runs from February to February. Once selected into the program, the Teen undergoes six (6) weeks of training. Training will occur on Saturdays and some weeknights. Presence at training is required. Following training, the Teen will need to pass an exam with an 80% or higher. Failure to do so will require re-takes until minimum score is met. Once the exam is passed, the Teen is placed on a team and assigned one designated Saturday a month as their volunteer day. The volunteer day currently runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m; however, the time may change. In June and July, Teens choose weekday summer Camp volunteer times and do not volunteer on their Saturdays. Teens may sign-up for additional days as they choose. Once accepted Teens must pay dues of \$35.00. This covers the costs of a teen manual, teen shirt, nametag and various supplies (Financial assistance is available.)

Teen participants are allowed to miss three of their assigned volunteer days. On the fourth miss, the Teen is dismissed from the program. The program does not provide make-up days. The program does not allow switching volunteer days with another Teen. The program will accept the following as an "excused" absence:

- ◆ Court Appointments
- ◆ Court Ordered Visitation
- ◆ Family Deaths with a Signed Parental Note
- ◆ Other "excused" absences may be granted on an individual basis, with at least two-week notice.

Having read and understood this, please complete the following:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teen Applicant) understand that the Zoo Teen Program is a 12 month commitment.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teen Applicant) understand that once selected, I will undergo 6 weeks of training. I understand that I must make every attempt to be present for all training days at the times specified.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teen Applicant) understand that upon completion of training, I will take a test and will need to achieve an 80% or higher. Failure to do so will require re-takes until I achieve this score.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teen Applicant) understand that once selected, I will be placed on a team and assigned one designated Saturday a month. On this Saturday, I am expected to volunteer the hours required. I understand that there will be an additional summer camp volunteer requirement (normally 15 hours).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teen Applicant) understand that I am allowed three (3) absences from my Volunteer Days. I understand that on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) miss, I will be dismissed from the program. I acknowledge that sporting events, illness, and other activities --except those noted above-- are considered unexcused absences.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_