Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Peoria Zoo!

Please read the following information carefully before completing or updating the Peoria Zoo Volunteer Adult Application Form.

By completing this application you are authorizing the Peoria Park District to perform all required background investigations including criminal history investigations necessary for volunteering. Volunteers who transport program participants are also required to complete a drug screen. Volunteers working with Keeper Staff are required to keep a yearly up-to-date TB test on file.

By completing this application you are authorizing any employers and listed references to give information concerning yourself, whether or not it is in their records, and you release them and their companies from any liability whatsoever.

You certify that all statements given on this application are correct, and realize that any falsification, omission of information or misrepresentation of this or any other personnel record may prevent the start of volunteer work. In the event of volunteering, you agree to abide by all present and subsequently issued rules of the Peoria Park District.
Peoria Zoo Volunteer Application

Name:__________________________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________________________

Primary Phone Number: _________________________________ Type:_____________________

Secondary Phone Number:_______________________________ Type:_____________________

Email Address:__________________________________________________________

Are you a Peoria Zoo Member? ____Yes ____No

Are you currently a student? ____Yes ____No

Where/Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________________________

Highest Level of Education Completed: _____________________________________________

Are you currently employed? ____Yes ____No

Where: ___________________________________________________________

Do you have any condition or disability for which you may require accommodation to perform the essential functions of a task or activity? ____ Yes ____No

If Yes, please explain______________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any allergies/health concerns that may important in reference to zoo work? (Examples: Allergies to fur, bees, or hay)  ____No ____Yes: _____________________________

Are you seeking to volunteer in order to satisfy court-ordered community service?  ____Yes ____No (If yes, Peoria Zoo does not offer this type of volunteering experience.)
Do you have previous volunteer experience? ____No ____Yes

- Please list two most recent

Organization: ________________________________ When: _____________________________
Task Performed: _________________________________________________________________

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Do you have public speaking experience? ____No ____Yes, ____________________________

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Please Check if you have experience working with the following and explain how

____Animals _________________________________________________________________

____Children ________________________________________________________________

____Teenagers _______________________________________________________________

____Adults _________________________________________________________________

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

What interested you in volunteering? Check all that Apply

____Gaining Work Experience ____Giving back to your community

____Interest in Animals ____Learning more about possible careers

____Interest in conservation ____Interest in working with the public

____Other-Explain: _____________________________________________________________

Why do you want to volunteer at Peoria Zoo? _________________________________

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Why would you be a good Peoria Zoo Volunteer? _________________________________

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Do you have an interest in a particular area of the zoo or particular a species of animal? __________________________________________________________

Are you willing to keep a TB Test up-to-date yearly?

(MUST HAVE TO VOLUNTEER WITH KEEPER STAFF) _____Yes _____No

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor (crime involving dishonesty or violence) or a felony crime? _____Yes _____No If yes, describe: __________________________________________________________

(Conviction will not necessarily be a bar to volunteering. Every instance and explanation will be considered individually.)

All regular volunteer assignments are contingent on the successful completion of screening requirements, for example: background checks, driver abstract check and a drug screen.

Driver’s License or State IL Number/State ________________________________ Date of Birth ________________________________

Your signature authorizes the investigation of all information pertaining to the screening items as may be necessary.

Signature of Volunteer ________________________________ Date ________________________________