

Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Job Description

Professional Skill Set Volunteer

Photographer/Videographer Volunteer

Position Purpose & Scope

This volunteer position will provide professional skill-set support to staff in the Education Department and Volunteer Program Areas. The scope of the position will be to provide professional photography and videography services to document and promote MN Zoo Education Programs and to support volunteer training.

Reports To

Education Department Director and Program Area Supervisors as appropriate
Volunteer Services Manager and/or Volunteer Services Coordinator

Qualifications

Must be 18 years of age or older
Must possess qualifications and experience that support the skill set required to complete the task
Must present a professional appearance and a friendly manner
Must be dependable and punctual
Must be courteous and personable when dealing with Zoo guests, other staff and volunteers
Must be self-directed, willing to take initiative, and detail-oriented
Must respect and maintain confidentiality of zoo information, guests, staff and volunteers
Must have skill in the areas under responsibilities below in order to accomplish such tasks

Responsibilities

Below are examples of the areas in which the volunteer's skill set may be used

Photographing and/or capturing video of K-12 students attending school field trips at the Zoo during the work week, including:

- Visiting animal exhibits
- Participating in onsite classroom programs and group tours
- Attending animal demonstrations
- Visiting activity stations and completing activity booklets
- Interacting with interpretive volunteers

Photographing and/or capturing on video activities of general education programs occurring on weekdays, evenings and weekends, including:

- Early childhood programs
- School's out camps
- Mixed-age family programs
- Adult classes and programs
- Special event days for scouts and other groups
- Overnights for youth groups and families

Photographing and/or capturing video of outreach program activities featuring animal ambassador presentations to a wide variety of audiences generally off Zoo site

Photographing and/or capturing video of Zoo volunteers interacting with guests and assisting with a variety of other tasks in support of the Zoo in a variety of indoor and outdoor contexts.

Commitment

Commitment and schedule will be agreed upon between the volunteer and the supervising staff member

Project timeline is expected to be October, 2016 – May 2017 and will include weekday, weekend and evening shifts

Benefits

Free admission to the Zoo for volunteer and immediate family during the project commitment
Discount on Zoo Admission for friends and extended family during the project commitment
Discount at all food facilities at Zoo during the project commitment
Discount at gift shops at Zoo during the project commitment
Discount at IMAX Theater during the project commitment

Professional Skill Set Volunteer Positions Exist to Support not Supplant the Work of Paid Staff Positions.