



For Office Use Only

Date Received: ___/___/___

Accepted: Y or N

2025 ZOO CREW APPLICATION

Application due by **4:00pm on Friday, May 16, 2025 – No exceptions!**

Zoo Crew Applicant's Information:

(This application must be entirely filled out by the applicant—not the parent!)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Zoo Crew's cell phone number: _____ (if you don't have one leave blank)

Zoo Crew's e-mail: _____ (if you don't have one consider making one for easy communication)

Date of Birth: _____

Age (Current): _____ Grade next fall*: _____ School attending in the fall: _____

Have you previously been a Zoo Crew Member? Yes _____ No _____

***Must be entering at least 7th grade in the fall of 2025!**

Parent/Guardian Information:

Names: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ e-mail: _____

In case of an emergency, is there an additional contact?

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

Please list any medications, allergies, or medical restrictions of which we should be aware:

T-shirt Information: Please circle one:

Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large Adult XX-Large Adult XXX-L

Youth, please read carefully before signing and applying!

I understand that Zoo Crew members are scheduled approximately two to three shifts per week, which may include early mornings, weekends, evenings, and special events. The Zoo will work around my other activities/obligations as much as possible; however, **I should not apply if I do not have the time or desire to dedicate 110% effort to the zoo.** I understand that Zoo Crew requires I attend a mandatory all-day training on June 4th or 5th. In addition, a lot of training will occur “on-the-job”, and I must be willing and able to take instructions and work hard to be better and better each shift. I also understand that Zoo Crew is an educational volunteer experience and a fee of \$75 +tax (\$80.76) is required. (The money will be used for uniform shirts, orientation materials and processing fees.) Do not send money now, you will be contacted by a Zoo employee for a group interview the end of May. Payment will be taken at training if accepted. I understand that after all interviews have been completed only **40** Zoo Crew members will be accepted into the program. I understand that I will be helping with education classes, Roots & Shoots programs, outreach, special events, zookeeping, cleaning, staffing the Zoo Crew Corner in the KidZoo, and other duties as assigned. I understand that failure to follow the rules may result in losing my Zoo Crew spot. If you miss 2 shifts without sufficient prior notice, your participation will be terminated.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Help us get to know you and your goals. Please take the time to answer the following questions as complete and honestly as possible. Your answers will help us to make the summer a successful and fun experience for you and us.

Volunteer Work

If you have volunteered before, please list the name of the organization(s), and describe what you did. If you run out of room, please continue on a separate piece of paper.

_____ (_____) _____
Location Supervisor Dates Telephone Number

Please describe your volunteer work. _____

Circle whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. There is no right or wrong answer!

I enjoy teaching and sharing information. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I am an artistic person. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I am willing to try new things at least once. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I enjoy kids. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I want to learn about animals. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I think I might be interested in a zoo career. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I do not mind getting dirty when I volunteer. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I do not mind hard work. Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Please take the time to fully answer the following questions in your own words. Answers should be essay-style and typed or neatly printed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Zoo Crew Program?
 2. What hobbies or interests do you have?
 3. Have you ever worked with children? If so, please explain.
 4. What do you hope to take away from working with the Zoo Crew Program this season?
-

References:

Please list the two individuals that you have asked to be references. We will be checking references prior to offering the volunteer position to any candidate.

1. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Relationship _____

2. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Relationship _____

THE FOLLOWING IS A RELEASE! PLEASE READ

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above child, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Watertown, its agents, volunteers and employees from any and all liability for damages resulting from incidents occurring from participation in the above program, or any incident related to the above child's attendance in said program. I verify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above child. I acknowledge that the City of Watertown does not carry medical or liability insurance on program participants. Photographs and videos taken of Zoo Crew volunteers may be used in pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, social media sites and the like for publicity and advertising purposes. I also understand that non-compliance by my child may result in expulsion from the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Please return completed applications to Jaime in-person at the zoo, via email at jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com or mail to: PO Box 910, Watertown, SD 57201

Deadline for application: Friday, May 16, 2025, at 4:00pm

You may use this sheet (or another sheet) to answer the essay questions:

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)