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Lincoln, NE 68502

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Interview Date _____ Time _____

# Zoo Crew 2010 Level 1 Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Zoo Crew Applicant's Cell Phone (number to be share on Substitute Calling List): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: (#2 on Sub Call List) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Day Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School (Attending in 2010-2011): \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Parent / Guardian

Enclosed Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$85.00 Zoo members, \$97.00 non-members)

LCZ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (if paying the \$85 fee.)

List any medical restrictions/conditions (allergies, special needs)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL 3XL

How should your name be listed on your name tag? (If different from above.)  
(Your first name and the first letter of your last name will appear on the name tag.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

The session and day you request will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have a special request (i.e. car pooling) to work with someone, you must note it on this application.

I must work with \_\_\_\_\_ (To guarantee same day submit together.)

Choose your Level 1 session:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 1** - begins on June 7 and runs until July 11.  
~**MANDATORY** training day for session 1 is May 22 from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 2** - begins on July 12 and runs until August 16.  
~**MANDATORY** training day for session 2 is June 26 from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Work Day Preference: Circle the day that works best for you. Cross out the days that **ABSOLUTELY** won't fit your schedule. Work day assignments will be made on a date-received basis.

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and return it with your application and check. Remember assignments are made on a first-received basis.**

1. Why do you want to join the Zoo Crew Program?
2. What animals make you feel uncomfortable?
3. What experience do you have with animals?
4. What experience do you have with children?
5. What other jobs or volunteering experience do you have?
6. How did you hear about the Zoo Crew program?
7. Please circle other Zoo experiences you have had:      summer classes      Zoo Camp  
Zoo animals in your classroom      Science Day      class fieldtrips      overnight

**Zoo Crew Merchandise**

Sweatshirt \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Sizes Med Large XL XXL  
Extra Adult T-shirt \$10 Size S M L XL XXL 3XL  
Zoo Crew Hat \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Zoo Crew Visor \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoo Crew Group Photo 8x10 (of your level and session) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ **(photo taken on training days)**  
Check Total for merchandise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Zoo Crew schedule will require that you work some evenings and weekends during the summer and fall. If you are unable to work on your assigned workday or weekend, you must “trade” with another Zoo Crew member or find a substitute. You are responsible for finding someone to work for you if you are unable to work. Your jobs are important and someone must be here to do them. You will receive a phone list on training day as well as our protocol for finding a substitute. You also will be given a calendar of your assigned workdays throughout your session and throughout the fall.

By accepting a position in Zoo Crew, you are giving the Lincoln Children’s Zoo permission to use a photo of you, without your name, in Zoo publications and promotions.

I understand the duties of Level 1 Zoo Crew. I have talked this over with my parent/guardian and I want to become a member of Zoo Crew.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your participation fee (\$85.00 Zoo members and \$97.00 non-members) and return this application to the Zoo no later than February 26, 2010 by 4 p.m. When you return your application, select an interview date and time with the Zoo Crew Coordinator. Your interview will last 10 minutes and will provide you an opportunity to ask questions about Zoo Crew and provide us with an opportunity to meet and visit with you.

You will be notified no later than March 31 if you have been selected to participate. If you are not selected, your registration fee will be returned in full. Positions fill early–do not delay in submitting your application.

We look forward to working with you and sharing the wonders of the Zoo!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mosby  
Zoo Crew Coordinator  
475-6741 x149

**YOU must complete the following tasks for the application process:**

- \_\_\_ Complete the information section of this application
- \_\_\_ Attach answers to questions (from page 2 of the application)
- \_\_\_ Call or come to the Zoo to schedule an interview with Zoo Crew Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Return full payment with your application. Full refunds will be given if you are not chosen for Zoo Crew. 50% will be returned if you change your mind and notify us **in writing** before May 1. No refund will be given if you drop out after May 1.
- \_\_\_ Applications are due to the Zoo's Administration Office by 4 p.m. on February 26, 2010.

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Zoo Crew is an important part of the activity at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. We depend on you to help with the daily operations and special events. In return, we provide an opportunity for you to learn about the Zoo. You will learn about our animal and plant collections, practice interacting with others, work on communication skills, meet other young people, and have a quality one-of-a-kind volunteer experience.

**First year participants (Level 1) are required to work from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. one day a week.**

Your duties on your workday include the following:

- **Classes**: Classes are in the morning from 8–9:45 a.m. You will learn a variety of things about the Zoo and its animal and plant collections.
- **Tattoos**: Proceeds are donated to conservation organizations.
- **Ponies**: Domestic animal keepers will train you how to handle the ponies safely and how to guide and lead them responsibly.
- **Critter Encounter Area**: You will learn facts about specific animals, how to handle them, and how to display them to Zoo visitors.
- **Conservation Station**: You will learn how to talk about our skull, scale, and fur collection with the Zoo visitors.
- **Goat Yard Attendant**: You will learn from the domestic animal keepers the proper way to handle the goats and how to maintain control in the goat yard for the safety of the goats and the Zoo visitors.



## Parent Information Sheet

- The interview is an opportunity for us to get to know your child and answer his/her questions. An interview does not mean an invitation to Zoo Crew will be extended. No invitations will be made until all applicants have been interviewed. Acceptance letters will be mailed out no later than March 31.
- Zoo Crew members are required to wear uniforms. These uniforms include khaki shorts or pants and a Zoo Crew T-shirt (one T-shirt is supplied.) All Zoo Crew members are required to wear closed toed shoes such as tennis shoes. The only hats or visors that can be worn are Zoo Crew hats that can be purchased for \$10 on training day or at class. The Zoo also offers sweatshirts for \$20 and extra T-shirts for \$10.
- If for any reason your child needs to miss class, he/she must make up the class by attending another class during that same week or by making other arrangements with the Zoo Crew Coordinator before the class is missed.
- If for any reason your child needs to miss work, there is a substitution protocol that he/she will learn on training day. Participants will be given a complete list of all Zoo Crew members – their levels and work days, and phone numbers to make finding a substitute easier. They receive a calendar on training day with all their scheduled workdays throughout the summer session and through October 15 when the Zoo closes. All Zoo Crew will be scheduled for weekends after school begins.
- All work days are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, which is why we ask for several acceptable options. Once acceptance letters are sent out, there will be no changes to the schedule.
- Zoo Crew work both inside and outside in all weather conditions. Make sure that they dress accordingly when they have work and/or class.
- Training day is mandatory. Failure to attend will result in removal from the program and no refund will be given.
- **Refund Policy:** Full refunds will be given if you are not chosen for Zoo Crew. 50% will be returned if you change your mind and notify us **in writing** before May 1. No refund will be given if you drop out after May 1.

## Major Dates and Times for Zoo Crew 2010

Level 1's will have class incorporated within their workday.

Level 1's work from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Level 1's will be assigned to work one or two Wednesday evenings throughout their session.

Level 1's will be assigned to work a Saturday and a Sunday throughout their session and a Saturday and Sunday between the end of their session and October 15.

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