



Explore Your Wild Side!

VOLUNTEER

Whether you like working with people or animals, kids or adults, we have a way for you to contribute.

We can use your help and talent with animal care, public education, special events, and zoo maintenance/construction.

Keeper Aide volunteers prepare diets, clean and maintain exhibits, assist with special projects and animal observation, as well as interact with the public. You are required to be at least 16 years old and are asked to make a commitment of at least one four-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months.

Program Docent volunteers interpret exhibits for visitors and school groups, present bio-facts and hands-on replicas at interpretation stations throughout the zoo, and greet zoo visitors, providing directions and answering questions to enhance the visitors' experience. You are required to be at least 18 years old and are asked to make a commitment of at least two three-hour shifts per month for a minimum of six months.

Zoo Ambassador Program (ZAP) volunteers provide interpretation for visitors, school groups and birthday parties. They present bio-facts and hands-on replicas at interpretation stations throughout the zoo, assist in the daily care of the education animals, and work with staff on special projects. Students ages 12 through 15 may participate and are asked to make a commitment of at least two three-hour shifts per month for a minimum of six months.

Participation in any of these three volunteer programs requires completion of a six-week training program with a \$35 fee for Keeper Aide and Program Docent trainees, and a \$25 fee for Zoo Ambassador Program trainees. TB testing and/or fingerprinting and additional training is required for some assignments.

Next scheduled volunteer training begins on January 14, 2012 and runs for six consecutive Saturday mornings.

Visit www.mgzoo.com to download a volunteer application, or call us at (209) 331-2010 if you have questions.