



Zoo Crew Explorers Winter 2009 Application

Dear Zoo Crew Explorers Applicant,

By filing out this application you have started the journey to a better tomorrow, not only for yourself but for your family and your community. Lowry Park Zoo's Teen Programs offer developmental opportunities, both personal and professional while providing necessary service to the institution and its overall mission.

Enclosed you will find a brief summary of the Zoo Crew Explorers program as well as a Teen Programs Application. You will need to *fill the application out fully*. Along with the application and position preference form on the next page, you will need to provide the following:

2 Letters of recommendation – These letters can come from any reference not related to you that can speak on your character including but not limited to teacher, pastor, supervisor, club leader, coach, school administrator, program supervisor, employer, community leader, etc.

AND

1 Self Written Essay – Essay must be at least *1 full page* and include your reasons for wanting to be a part of the program as well as what you feel you can offer to the program. Essay can be written or typed but must be double spaced with a font no larger than 12.

AND

Your most recent report card – *Please note that your grades/GPA will not determine whether you get into the program. We use this information for reporting and statistical purposes only.

Once the application packet is complete you will need to send it back to the Zoo by mail or by dropping it off at the Lowry Park Zoo ticket booth. Please make sure you mark the envelope: “**LPZ Teen Programs – ZCE**” Once received, we will contact you to set up an interview. Keep in mind that the selection process begins with this application and ends with your accepting the position. So be as professional as possible in all cases from essay to interview.

If selected, please be aware that you must have proof of a negative TB test taken within the past year and a tetanus shot taken within five years. Also, there is a \$35 participant fee to cover material costs and insurance. Scholarships are available upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the program or the application process feel free to give me a call at 813-935-8552 ext.479. Thank you for your time and your ability to identify your own potential.

Sincerely,

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Zoo Crew Explorers Program

Brief Description

This professional and personal development internship program provides youth 16-18 years of age with an opportunity to work in several areas in the Zoo, including animal care, education, and operations. These areas offer essential developmental components adding to the teens' overall appreciation of the natural world and the role the Zoo plays in it. In addition to working in specific departments, teens are asked to attend interactive workshops offered once a month to assist in developing skills ranging from budget management to public speaking to customer service. All of the skills learned will enable participants to be better prepared for life after graduation while leaving the program inspired to treasure the natural world and act wisely on its behalf.

The commitment is a minimum of 24 hours a month for at least three consecutive months.

“It’s a program for youth that’s fun, rewarding, educational and inspiring. Lowry Park Zoo is committed to providing all the resources necessary for us to succeed when we get older.” - *Previous Zoo Crew Explorer*

“By working in the Animal Ride Department, I have gained a lot of important skills that I will need in life. Because I have to answer so many questions, I am more confident and have better public speaking skills that I have learned from the great people I work with.” - *Previous Zoo Crew Explorer*

Position Preference Form

To help us better place applicants in a position, please rank your position preferences from 1 to 3, with 1 being your first preference. Please note: position assignment depends on position availability.

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| — Animal Rides | — Gift Shop |
| — Aviary | — Outreach |
| — Education | — Recycling |
| — Events | |

2010 Dept. of Youth Development Participant Application



I am applying for:	
X	Zoo Crew Explorers
	ECCO Leadership Program
	Summer Camp Internship

If you were referred by a past Zoo Youth Program participant, please list his or her name:

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Date of Birth:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
E-mail:		Other Phone:	
Mother's Name:		Work Phone:	
Father's Name:		Work Phone:	
Mother or Father's Email Address:			

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Do you have transportation to and from the Zoo, and if so what?			Shirt Size S M L XL 2XL 3XL
Do you know any languages other than English? If so, what languages?			
School currently enrolled:		Current Grade:	Current GPA:
Are you enrolled in a lunch program at school? FREE REDUCED NONE	Race: (Optional)	Current Age:	
Please list all extracurricular activities:			

Emergency Contact Information (Other Than Parents)

Name:	Relationship:	Phone:
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Brief Medical History (Information has no bearing on hiring process)

Name of Physician/Clinic:		
Phone:	Address:	
Allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.)		
Any known medical conditions:		
Have you taken a TB Test? YES NO	When?	Result:
Medications and reasons for taking:		

I have filled this application out to the best of my knowledge and understand that the application will be considered incomplete until the 2 letters of recommendation and essay from me describing why I want to be part of the program are submitted. I also understand the level of commitment needed from me and agree to adhere to this level.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo Youth Programs Parent/Guardian Consent, Medical & Publicity Release Form

I, _____ (printed name), the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ (child's printed name), DOB _____ age _____ understand and agree to all the terms below as pertains to the Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo's (TLPZ) Teen Programs that we are participating in:

1. I agree to allow my child to participate in all TLPZ's Teen Program activities. Participation in said activities is purely voluntary, and if at any time we feel uncomfortable with the activities we may notify the instructor-in-charge that we do not wish to participate and accommodations will be made for us to either observe or not be involved in the activity.
2. I understand that we choose to engage in hands-on tasks as a part of this program.
3. I understand that a TLPZ employee/volunteer will explain any safety rules before participating. I agree that we have a responsibility to ask questions, clarify any rules, regulations or instructions that we do not understand or have any doubt about.
4. I understand that this program may involve riding in an electric-powered cart, train or horse ride wagon as a part of any tour associated with the program.
5. I agree that we have a responsibility to ensure our child's full participation in TLPZ's Teen Programs and will support that by checking on progress and offering any assistance as needed.
6. I understand that transportation to and from Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is the responsibility of the child and parent/guardian. If lack of transportation plays a factor in my child's participation, I will contact TLPZ's Teen Program administrators and attempt to arrange alternative methods of transportation.
7. I understand that TLPZ staff has the right and responsibility to dismiss any participant for disruptive behavior. No drugs, alcohol, stealing, smoking, or fighting will be allowed. In the event my child violates these rules or any other policies set by TLPZ, I understand I will be called to pick them up immediately, regardless of time.
8. I am aware that there are certain risks and dangers in any activity especially with those involving wild animals and/or endangered animals and their habitats and in consideration of participating, hereby waive, release, and hold harmless the Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Lowry Park Zoological Society of Tampa, Inc. and the City of Tampa and their respective associated agencies for any liabilities, claims, demands, or cause of action that arise from our own negligence.

Medical Release

The law requires that parental permission be obtained for medical procedures on minors (under 18 years of age). The following consent form should be signed by a parent and/or legal guardian so that such procedures can be promptly carried out. We will make a genuine attempt to notify you in case of a serious emergency.

I, _____ understand that, in case of medical emergency, every effort will be made to contact me or the persons named in the "Emergency Contact Information" section on my child's application. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by TLPZ to hospitalize, anesthetize, and secure proper treatment for my child as named above. I also hereby grant permission to the staff of TLPZ to dispense nonprescription medication including, but not limited to, Tylenol and Advil, to my child unless otherwise specified.

Film and Photographic Publicity Release:

Yes () No () I hereby authorize TLPZ and its representatives to use, without obligation to me, any photographs and motion pictures taken of us as individual subjects for any and all publicity and advertising purposes they may designate in promotion of their not-for-profit mission.

Yes () No () We would like to participate in the group photographs for keepsake purposes and understand that these group photographs may be posted on TLPZ's website.

Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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Participant Name	Signature	Date
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