



Student Resource Guide

Thank you for your interest in learning more about Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo! We receive many requests from students of all ages who are seeking to pursue projects or homework assignments at the Zoo, and we greatly appreciate the interest.

As a nonprofit organization, it is difficult within available resources to accommodate personal one-on-one interviews or customized experiences for student projects. At this time, the Zoo cannot provide zoo keeper shadowing or behind-the-scenes opportunities for individual student projects or homework assignments. Our zoo keepers have an intense work environment, and they must be 100% focused on their duties to ensure their own safety, the well being of the animals and our guests.

There are, however, many ways to learn more about the Zoo, to find information or to get involved:

- All things considered, spending a day at the Zoo is one of the best ways to learn about the animals and the Zoo's mission "to connect people with the living earth." Weather permitting, the Zoo is open seven days a week, 363 days a year, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- While at the Zoo, attend a keeper talk or educational show, held daily. Listed on the Show Schedule at the front gate, these are great opportunities to meet some of our team members who dedicate their lives to animal care and welfare. After the talk or show, staff will invite you to ask questions, so please come prepared with a specific question or two.
- Another opportunity while at the Zoo -- keep an eye out for our dynamic docents (volunteer educators) in bright turquoise shirts. These dedicated individuals contribute thousands of hours of volunteer service each year working to educate and inspire guests about conservation and the natural world. Introduce yourself and ask them a question!
- Attend a Zoo School camp or program, serving children, teens and adults. We offer many exciting programs for hands-on experiences. See the Education tab on the Zoo's website, www.LowryParkZoo.com, for information or to register.
- If you can't visit in person, our website, www.LowryParkZoo.com, is a great resource for the Zoo's commitment to conservation, education and research. Information about the species in our care, education programs and special opportunities can be found here. The "Animals and Attractions" tab has links to exhibit areas with animal fact sheets. The "Media Information" link located at the bottom of the homepage has Zoo fact sheets, news items and other information.
- COMING SOON we will be posting zoo keeper interviews on our web site as a way to learn more about the careers available in the zoo field, and the amazing animals in their care.

- Teen opportunities! The Zoo welcomes student volunteers who are a minimum of 14 years of age that can help on selected days for service projects. We also have student volunteers that help with Zoo Boo during and Wild Wonderland on select nights September-December. For available opportunities, please email Zoo's [Volunteer Coordinator](#) or call 813-935-8552 ext. 296. Teens who wish to get even more involved with long-term, consistent commitments are welcome to email our [Youth Programs Coordinator](#) or call 813-935-8552 ext. 479.
- Internships available for college students! Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is proud to offer comprehensive, hands-on internship programs in the following concentrations: Accounting/Finance, Horticulture, Graphics/Design, Marketing/Public Relations, Development, and Special Event Planning. Candidates must currently enrolled in a college or university, have at least a 2.5 grade point average, and be able to commit between 10-15 hours per week for a period of 16 weeks. Additional requirements may apply. All candidates interested in applying for an internship are encouraged to email the Zoo's [Volunteer Coordinator](#) or call 813-935-8552 ext. 296.

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is proud to be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) cultural organization that serves more than 1.1 million guests each year and we thank you for the inquiry!