



Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo! If you are serious about dedicating your time and energy to the zoo on a regular basis, feel strongly about animals and conservation, and would like to put your passion to work, we have an opportunity for you! We offer a variety of volunteer positions in virtually all of our zoo areas.

Below is an overview of the volunteer opportunities in the Education Department. Volunteer acceptance is based on applications/interviews and the available space within departments. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept volunteers under the age of 18 at this time (except for Summer Camp Interns), even with parental supervision, due to insurance and liability factors.

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo offers the following Volunteer Opportunities:

Education Volunteers help by assisting teachers with classes; helping children with crafts and activities; supervising lunches, nap times and play times; and visiting the zoo for Zoo Hikes, keeper talks and much more! Your time spent with assisting our teachers will be very fun, as well as educational.

Completed applications should be returned to Erica Clark. They may be mailed, faxed, or dropped off in the Resource Center.

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Volunteer # _____
(Please leave blank for volunteer supervisor)



TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO

Education VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NOTE: Your Application will be discarded if not complete in its entirety. All required records, documents and payment must accompany this application.

Volunteer Selection only

Please circle your available days and shifts:

Morning (8:30-10:30)

Mid Day (10:30-12:30)

Afternoon (2:30-4:30)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

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How many hours per week do you wish to volunteer? _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you 18 (if not please enter age)? _____

Work/Volunteer Experience

Educational Background and any training you have had that relates to our type of organization:

Current Job Status (Company or school): _____

Previous Experience (Volunteer or Salaried): _____

Why are you interested in volunteering at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo? _____

Which languages do you speak fluently? _____

What skills or interests do you have that you would like to use in your volunteering? _____

State any prior animal experience: _____

Are you a certified diver? _____ If yes, certification type: _____

Diving experience: _____

Background Information

Have you ever been convicted of a crime or entered a plea other than not guilty to any criminal charges Yes No

A yes response will not automatically disqualify you from consideration. If yes, state the offense(s), date(s) of conviction(s) or plea(s) and sentence(s) imposed or disposition(s): _____

Our goal is to deliver the best possible service for our visitors. Therefore, we expect high standards of performance in your assigned work and we will give you the best support and supervision we can, in order to achieve our goal. If your work still is not up to necessary standards, we reserve the absolute right to terminate your service, or re-assign you to some other more suitable work. NOTE: Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo provides neither Workers' Compensation nor Group Benefits medical insurance to any person when acting as a volunteer.

Volunteers signature

Date

Emergency Information

Family Doctor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Health Insurance Coverage: yes _____ no _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Dates you received last test/shot: (You MUST have these shots for all animal departments)

Please list any significant medical problems or physical limitations: _____

Please list any allergies: _____

Please list any medications you are currently taking: _____

In case of emergency, notify:

Name/Relation

Phone #

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Phone #

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentations, omissions of facts or incomplete information requested in this application may remove me from further consideration for volunteering.

Volunteer Signature _____ **Date** _____

Release of Liability for Volunteers

Read Carefully Before Signing

I, _____, in consideration for being permitted to participate as a volunteer at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, hereby release and discharge Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Lowry Park Zoological Society of Tampa, Inc., and the City of Tampa and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns, and all persons conducting, directly or indirectly, the activities surrounding my involvement as a volunteer at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo from any and all claims, rights, demands, actions, causes of action, expenses and damages, which I or my heirs, personal representative, successors, assigns or anyone claiming by, through or under me ever had, now have, or may have against the parties identified above arising from any injury, act or omission relating in the way to my participation as a volunteer.

I fully understand that this Release includes, but is not limited to any claims, rights, demands, actions, causes of actions, expenses and damages whatsoever which may arise from any injury, act or omission, caused, occasioned, or contributed to, actually or allegedly, by the negligence, sole or concurrent, of one or more of the parties released herein.

I also fully understand the risk involvement in my participation as a volunteer including, but not limited to, those risks involved with the working with wild and/or endangered animals in their habitats, and fully assume said risk for any injury, losses or damages of any kind resulting from such risks involved in associated activities.

I acknowledge that I have read, fully understand and voluntarily agree to this Release and that no oral representatives, statements or inducements apart from this Release have been made to me.

Date

Volunteer Signature

Volunteer Response to Codes 1 & 2

Code 1 is when an animal (s) escape its (their) exhibit.

The animal care staff members, upon discovering the animal escape, or being made aware of one by a visitor, volunteer, or another staff member, (and after verifying the report) will announce a Code 1. The volunteer, in relaying a Code 1 to an animal care staff member, shall give the following information. What animal(s) has (have) escaped, the location of the animal (s), and if there are any people involved. Depending on the location of the Code 1, either the front gate or back gates or both need to be closed. Visitor Services should close the front gate; Security should close the back gate.

Any animal large enough to injure a person should be considered dangerous. The following animals should be considered extremely dangerous and in the event of their escape, a code 1 would be given followed by identification of the animal, and a warning it's dangerous: Tapir, Tiger, Leopard, Panther, Bear, Rhino, Chimpanzee, Elephant, Orangutan.

After this is done, the animal care staff member who gave the Code 1 will see that visitors in the immediate area are moved to safety (i.e., leave the area, enter safe buildings, enter vehicles, etc.). Additional staff and volunteers, if needed, will assist in moving visitors to safety. Volunteers should stay away from the escaped animal and assist with the crowd control, if requested to do so. After visitors have been moved to safety, security personnel and Visitor Services will then secure the surrounding area keeping visitors out of the escape location. The Commissary Manager or animal care staff assigned to the kitchen will stand by the radio to assist in making emergency phone calls and to give emergency response vehicles directions at the back gate.

Once the animal(s) has (have) been captured and returned to its night house and safety has been restored, a Code 1 Clear will be given.

Any inquiries about the escape from the news media should be directed to the Public Relations office. **DO NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC OR PRESS- REFER QUESTIONS TO PUBLIC RELATIONS.**

Code 2 is used when a person has fallen or climbed into an exhibit that contains animals.

The animal care staff member, upon discovering a person in an exhibit that contains animals, or being made aware of such an event, will announce a Code 2. The volunteer, in relaying the code 2 to an animal care staff member, shall give the following information: which exhibit, how many animals are in the exhibit, and how many people are involved.

The Commissary Manager or animal care staff assigned to the kitchen will stand by on the base of the radio to assist in making emergency phone calls and to give emergency response vehicles directions at the back gate.

After the person has been removed or the animal has been trapped in an enclosure, a Clear Code 2 will be given.

I have received a copy of the Code 1 &2 procedures. My signature indicates that I have read and fully understand these procedures.

Volunteer Signature _____ **Date** _____

Application Checklist

Below is a checklist that will help you throughout the application process.

Note: Incomplete application will be forfeited.

- Completed Application Form**
- Signed Release of Liability Form**
- Signed Volunteer Response to Code 1 & 2**
- Completed Background Check Form**
- Copy of a Photo ID (example: drivers license, passport or school ID)**
- Local Background Check Form**