



Zoo Crew Reference Form

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo / Teen Program

To the Reference:

This student is applying to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's teen program – **Zoo Crew**. The students we select for this program must show desire and ability to teach others, a sincere interest in wildlife, and the maturity to work independently and make a weekly commitment during the summer. Zoo Crew teens will participate in conservation projects on and off grounds, assist with on-grounds events and talk to our visitors about conservation issues.

We appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Please complete **both pages** of this form. Thank you for your valuable time. This program is very important to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and to the students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoo's Education Division at 216.661.6500 x4031.

To the Student:

Please give one copy to a science teacher (current or **recent** past) and one copy to an adult who knows you well, but is **not** a family member.

Please be sure to give these forms out at least two weeks before the application deadline. If the form is returned to you in a sealed envelope, please do not open it.

No applications will be considered unless an application and two completed reference forms are returned to the Zoo by 4 p.m. on March 3, 2020.

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Reference's Name: _____

1. How long have you known this student? _____

2. In what capacity have you known this student? _____

3. Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities experiences, etc. of this that would be helpful for us to know about? _____

4. How would you describe this student's relationship with his/her peers? _____

5. How would you describe this student's relationship with adults? _____

Please evaluate the student:

Scale: **1 = outstanding** **2 = very good** **3 = average** **4 = below average** **U = unknown**

- Oral communication _____
- Ability to analyze a problem _____
- Curiosity _____
- Creativity _____
- Dependability _____
- Sense of responsibility _____
- Self-motivation _____
- Ability to work independently _____
- Reaction to criticism _____
- Regard for authority _____
- Cooperation with peers _____
- Adaptability _____
- Sensitivity to others' feelings _____
- Ability to follow directions _____
- Perseverance _____

I would recommend this student to the **Zoo Crew** program:

with enthusiasm

with reservation* (explain below) do not recommend* (explain below)

Additional comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Phone: _____ May we contact you if necessary? _____

If you wish to remain confidential, please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal.

Return reference forms to:
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Zoo Crew Program, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 or
Fax to: 216.661.3312 (Attention: Zoo Crew Program) or
Email to: programregistration@clevelandmetroparks.com (subject line: Zoo Crew Reference)
Deadline to submit references and application: 4 p.m. on March 3, 2020