



# Zoo Crew Application

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo/ Teen Program

**Please Note:** Applicants must be 13 years old by January 1, 2020; not older than 17 by June 1 of the year they wish to participate. **Application Deadline March 3, 2020 at 4:00pm** Return completed application and two (2) reference forms to: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Zoo Crew Program, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 no later than 4 p.m. on March 3, 2020.

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Please print clearly and complete both pages

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: (adult sizes) S M L XL 2XL  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone (teen): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have reliable transportation to the zoo? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Zoo Crew program? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

**To be considered for this program you must have two (2) reference forms enclosed. One form must be filled out by a science teacher. The other can be filled out by any adult who knows you well, who is not a family member. Forms given to you in a sealed envelope must not be opened!**

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I support my child's desire to be considered for the Zoo Crew program in 2020. I do understand that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that **all application materials** (application and two (2) reference forms) are completed in full and returned to the above address before the deadline of 4 p.m. on March 3, 2020 to be considered and/or entered into the lottery for the Zoo Crew program. Partial, incomplete or late applications and/or reference forms will not be considered for the Zoo Crew program. If my child is selected to participate in Zoo Crew, I understand that my child will commit to attend once/week for the entire summer and will be permitted only two absences from the summer session of the program. Based on my child's attendance and evaluation, my child may also be invited to participate in the year-round program and be permitted only a limited number of absences.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please complete page 2**

Please answer all questions as completely as possible. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary. Don't ask for help in answering the questions! We want to know what *you* think! Please print and handwrite your essay answers below. If the space provided is not large enough for your complete responses, you may attach a second page with your application. If you require a special accommodation from Cleveland Metroparks during the submission of your application, you may type your essay responses instead of handwriting and/or call us at 216.635.3391 to share your request.

What makes you a good candidate for the Zoo Crew program?

What do you think you can do as a young adult to help and protect wildlife?

What is the purpose of Zoos and why are they important?



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## To the Reference:

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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.

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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  
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