



Caldwell Zoo
2203 Martin Luther King Blvd.
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Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 593-0121
education@caldwellzoo.org

Caldwell Zoo – Zoo Crew Application

Please print clearly. Applications must be completed and submitted by *March 1, 2021*. Only complete applications will be considered.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Guardian Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Guardian Email: _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes only): _____

School Information

Name of School: _____ GPA: _____

Grade in Fall 2021:

9th

10th

11th

12th

Additional Information:

Please include with this application form:

- A **resume** detailing all of your extra-curricular activities, job experience, volunteer experience, experience working with animals and experience working with children.
- Two letters of recommendation** from current teachers, school administrators, pastors, or community leaders. References should send your letter by email to education@caldwellzoo.org. **Letters from parents or relatives will not be accepted.**
 - Names of references:** _____
- Answers to the “Get to Know You Questions”** on the following page.

Dates of Availability

Please select at least 3 of the following weeks of camp that you can fully commit to:

- June 7-11th June 14-18th June 21-25th June 28-July 2nd
 July 5-9th July 12-14th July 19-23rd July 26-30th
 August 2-6th
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Get to Know You Questions:

Please answer the following questions and submit them on a separate document. Please be complete and descriptive in your responses.

1. Tell us in your own words why you're interested in volunteering at the Caldwell Zoo.
 2. Conservation is an integral part of the Caldwell Zoo. Explain in your own words what conservation means to you.
 3. Becoming a part of Zoo Crew means being a responsible guide for summer campers as well as a good team player. Please tell us about the skills and qualities you have that would help you be successful in Zoo Crew.
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ZOO CREW AGREEMENT

By providing my signature below, I agree:

- All of the information I provided in this application is correct.
- I will be available to attend the **mandatory training session on May 22nd, 2021.**
- My parent or guardian will be available to attend the **mandatory meeting on April 13th, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**
- I will commit to volunteering for at least two of the weeks selected above. I understand that my attendance is required for the entirety of my scheduled weeks and that I will have reliable transportation to and from the Zoo.
- I understand that by submitting a completed application, I am not guaranteed acceptance into the program.
- If accepted, I understand that I must adhere to all Caldwell Zoo policies and procedures. I understand that a failure to do so will result in my termination from the program.
- I will pay the program fee of \$45 to cover t-shirt and supply costs.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

How to Submit your Application:

By Mail: Caldwell Zoo (c/o Education) P.O. Box 4785 Tyler, TX 75712	By Email: education@caldwellzoo.org Please be sure to use the subject line: Teen Volunteer Application (Your Name)
In Person: You can drop off your application at the main office by the Caldwell Zoo entrance. 2203 Martin Luther King Blvd. Tyler, TX 75702 (903) 593-0121	

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Instructions for References

- We would prefer letters of recommendation come from someone who has interacted with the applicant in a leadership role such as: teachers, coaches, youth group leaders, scout leaders, dance instructors, etc.
- Please submit letters of recommendation to the Caldwell Zoo Education Department via email at education@caldwellzoo.org.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the reference.
- Please use the subject line: **Zoo Crew Reference (Applicant Name)**.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted by **March 1st at 4:00PM**.
- If we have any questions about your Zoo Crew candidate, we may wish to follow up with a phone call. Please include the best phone number to reach you during regular business hours.

About the Caldwell Zoo Crew Program

- This program is open to high school students ages 14-17 who like animals and love people.
- Ideal candidates will have a positive attitude and good communication skills. Experience working with animals and/or children is preferred.
- Zoo Crew will:
 - Interact and engage with campers throughout the day
 - Learn and share fun facts about wildlife and conservation
 - Lead educational games for campers
 - Help and inspire campers in creative crafts
 - Assist camp counselors with managing camp activities and keeping campers engaged
 - Have the opportunity to handle and/or present Ambassador Animals