



Sequoia Park Zoo



Adult Volunteer Program

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Interested in volunteering?

If you have ever wanted to be a part of the Zoo Crew at The Sequoia Park Zoo, now is your chance. This year-round program offers you the opportunity to take part in some of the Zoo's day-to-day activities, like feeding, observing, cleaning and handling animals. There are also opportunities for giving demonstrations and helping out at our special events.

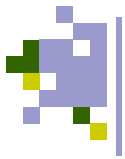
General requirements

You must be:

1. 16 years old or older,
2. Complete the required training,
3. Commit to at least two shifts (8 hours) per month,
4. Volunteer at one special event per year,
5. Commit to a minimum of a six months, and
6. Be able to lift at least 25 pounds and walk on uneven surfaces.



If this sounds like
something you would be
interested in, we would love to
hear from you!



So You're Interested in Volunteering...

HOW DO I START?

To become one of the Zoo Crew, follow these easy steps!

- A. Call our Ed Department (441-4217) to schedule an informal interview and pick up an application packet.
- B. Return the completed packet to the Ed Department and get the necessary paperwork to get your fingerprint clearance and TB test.
- C. Wait for a phone call from the Ed Department that your packet has been cleared and schedule an orientation with the Coordinator (this could take a couple months).
- D. Once you have been approved*, you will need to attend a 1 hour orientation seminar, where all your questions will be answered and where you can schedule your training.
- E. Finish training and schedule your work shifts!

** Prior to beginning your fun filled adventure with us at the zoo, the City of Eureka requires that all volunteers undergo background checks (fingerprinting) and provide proof of a negative TB test result.*

WHAT IS THE TRAINING LIKE?

Volunteering at the zoo requires very specific training. This is because of all the special safety issues with working around animals.

You will be required to "Shadow" three main zookeepers for an entire day each...Yep, that is a total of 24 hours training.

Each "shadow" can take place in one 8 am-4:30 pm day or two half-days. It is best if you can "shadow" the keepers both a morning and afternoon shift. The reason for this extensive training is to give you, the volunteer, a comprehensive view of zoo operations.

Once you have shadowed for three full-day shifts, we will discuss your readiness and area of interest. We will then schedule you for your first volunteer shift.



TO MAKE YOU ONE OF THE CREW!!!

Uniform vests and work gloves will be provided during your work shift.

VOLUNTEER WORK OPPORTUNITIES...

Keeper Assistant

Duties are based upon aptitude and needs of animal routines, and can range from stall and paddock cleaning to diet presentation, exhibit and animal maintenance and observation, under the direction of keeper staff. Keeper assistants are required to rotate through all animal routines. If you have not had previous zoo experience, you will most likely be asked to help out as an assistant for a short while, before beginning diet prep.

Diet and/or Enrichment Preparation

Duties include washing and cutting produce, measuring by weight and volume, cleaning and organizing feed pans, cleaning kitchen and utensils, some diet presentation as directed by keeper staff and observing animals for interaction with presented enrichment and recording observations.

Barnyard Vegetable Garden

In charge of planning, coordinating and implementing all aspects of a vegetable garden for interpretation and animal diet supplementation, working under the direction of Barnyard keeper for planting needs and harvesting.

Education

Under the direct supervision of the Education Coordinator, develop kiosk displays, docent manual, educational resources and other education related activities.