



Sacramento Zoo Docent Council

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2023 SACRAMENTO ZOO DOCENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Personal Information

1. Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr: _____
First name Middle initial Last name

Street Address Apt. No. City State ZIP

Home Phone No. Work Phone No.

Mobile Phone No. E-mail address (** mandatory **)

2. Are you age 18 or over? Yes No (Docents must be age 18 by January 1, 2019)

3. Level of Education: High School College Graduate School
Are you currently a student? Yes No If so, where? _____

4. Emergency contact _____
Name Phone No. E-mail address

5. Are you currently employed? Yes No Retired
Name of Employer _____
 Full-time Part -time Seasonal Other

6. Are you currently a member of the Sacramento Zoological Society? Yes No

7. Other than minor traffic offenses or infractions, have you ever:
Been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony)?
Received a probated sentence (including deferred adjudication) for an alleged crime?
Been assigned a probation officer?
Been made the subject of a complaint or investigation concerning alleged child abuse?
 No Yes

If the answer is "Yes", specify the offense, date, location, and court that has the record.

References

8. Please list 2 references that we may contact. References cannot be a relative, or individual with whom you reside, and must be 19 years of age or older.

Name	Relationship	Phone No.
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Interest in Zoo Program

9. In 2-3 brief sentences please explain why you would like to volunteer as a Zoo Docent and what you consider to be your strengths.

10. Sacramento Zoo Docents are expected to be able to provide information about evolution and animal adaptation. Would you have any difficulty with presenting scientific information, based on California Science Standards, about evolution or using anatomically correct terminology? Yes No
Are you comfortable speaking to the public? Yes No

What, if any, experience do you have talking with the public?

11. The Sacramento Zoo inspires appreciation, respect and a connection with wildlife and nature through education, recreation and conservation.

I fully support the mission of the Sacramento Zoo (please check box).

12. Through active interpretation of wildlife, we will motivate visitors to choose actions that conserve the Earth's Biodiversity.

I fully support the mission of the Sacramento Zoo Docent Program (please check box).

13. I have read the Information for Sacramento Zoo Docent Applicants(attached) and understand the training requirements.

I will attend all classes and complete all online modules

I will work with a mentor at a minimum of 2 Stations and 1 Spot talk (1 to 2 hours each) prior to end of Docent training course.

14. Zoo Docents are expected to commit to the following requirements:

- 75 hours per year.
- 10 credits per year in "Continuing Education" (CE) credits.
- Annual Safety Class Review
- Informal review by Education Director
- Maintain Zoo membership
- Follow any COVID prevention protocol set by the zoo

I fully understand these requirements and commit to satisfying them (please check box).

15. By signing this application, I also agree to the following:

- I release from all liability or responsibility all persons or organizations requesting or supplying information regarding my character and qualification.
- I understand that I may come in contact with information that is confidential in nature. I understand that any misuse of information is grounds for termination of my volunteer service without prior notice.
- I have provided information, which is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If I have provided false information, I may not be allowed to volunteer or I may be dismissed in the future.
- I understand that my volunteer assignment is contingent upon a clean background check. I authorize the release of any criminal history records and information to the Sacramento Zoo.
- I understand that the Sacramento Zoo is authorized to conduct a child abuse screening on me through appropriate governmental agencies, including a criminal background check.

I acknowledge that I am able to perform the essential functions associated with this volunteer position

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return your completed application (via USPS mail) to the Sacramento Zoo Education Office. Alternatively, you may transmit your completed application by e-mailing it to the e-mail addresses listed below.

After we review your application, you may be contacted by a member of the Zoo Docent Training Committee and may be invited to an interview with a member of the Committee. Interviews are expected to begin in September.

Interview Preference: Weekday Weekend

Zoo Docent Program APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 1, 2023.

**ATTN: Training Committee Co-Chairs
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