



Salisbury Zoo Volunteer Program



Volunteer Program

Spring – Fall 2023

What is a Zoo Volunteer?

Zoo volunteers have an interest in wild animals, a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn. No experience is necessary—we will teach you everything you need to know.

What do Zoo Volunteers do?

Education

Volunteer's help with education programs such as guided tours, live animal presentations, community programs, and school programs. Volunteers serve as on-site experts for our guests and share their knowledge of animals, nature, and conservation with visitors to encourage an appreciation of wildlife and inspire conservation of our natural world.

Special Events

Zoo volunteers can help out with special events such as Halloween Happening, Christmas programming and Earth Day. Volunteers participate in event preparation, educational activities, animal enrichment, games, and fun.

Education Program Animals

Zoo volunteers have the opportunity to help with the care and handling of the Education Ambassador Animal collection. These animals are used in education programs at the zoo, in schools, and at community events. Volunteers must complete a pre-requisite number of hours and attend additional training to be involved.

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The Salisbury Zoo is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, education, science, and recreation



Staff Only	Date Received: _____
	Initials: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment \$ _____

Docent Training

2023 Registration Form

Indicate which training session you will attend:

All sessions 6:00 – 8:00 pm

- Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, & 28
 Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, & 26

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

1. List your educational background.

2. What experience do you have working with children or animals?

3. How did you become aware of volunteer opportunities at the Zoo?

4. On separate sheet, please explain why you want to volunteer at the Zoo.

T-Shirt Size (please circle one): S M L XL XXL

PAYMENT METHOD Payment Amount \$ _____

Cash Check No.: _____ Visa

MasterCard _____
Name (as it appears on card)

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature

I agree to complete the required in-person training, and online training, including the associated quizzes, each section of on-the-job training, and to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours per year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Guardian (*if under 18) _____ Date _____

Volunteer at the Salisbury Zoo

What are the Benefits of being a Zoo volunteer?

🦋 Giving back to your community—Give back to the community by helping a non-profit organization that is a valuable resource in the community. Volunteers also contribute to local and global conservation with their work at the zoo.

🦋 Learning—Zoo volunteers are always learning through on-the-job training, continuing education opportunities, and trips to other facilities. Volunteering at the zoo is a great way to learn more about something that interests you or to gain valuable experience for a future career.

🦋 Sharing—Volunteers have the opportunity to share their knowledge and their interest in nature, animals, and conservation. Volunteers often help to influence zoo visitors' misconceptions about, attitudes regarding, and behaviors towards animals and nature.

🦋 Friendships—Make new and lasting friendships by interacting with people that share your interests and participating in the social opportunities available to volunteers.

🦋 Fun—Interacting with visitors, sharing knowledge about animals and nature, and spending time at the zoo is fun and rewarding.

How Do I become a Zoo Volunteer?

1. If you need more information, attend a Docent Open House Session
2. Fill out the application portion, detach and return it to the Education Department with your \$50.00 training fee.
3. Attend all sessions of Docent Training.

What is required of Zoo Volunteers?

- No experience necessary—we will teach you everything you need to know.
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Volunteers are required to complete the in-person training sessions, online training, and associated homework/quizzes.
- There is a \$50.00 training fee to offset the cost of the docent shirt and name badge.
- Volunteers are required to serve a minimum of 50 hours each year (including 12 hours continuing education).

Questions?

Contact the Salisbury Zoo Education Department at 443.944.0636 or email salisburyzooed@gmail.com

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