

Public Service Announcement

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Love Wildlife and People? Become a Toronto Zoo Volunteer

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Toronto, Ontario: The Toronto Zoo today announced their annual recruitment for new Year-round Volunteers. Dynamic and outgoing adults are encouraged to join our diverse team of Volunteers who educate and inspire visitors, take the lead at special events, and promote wildlife conservation. Volunteer opportunities are flexible and allow participants to use and develop their education and communication expertise in a fun, social setting.

Zoo Volunteers receive free admission to the Zoo with a guest, free parking, Volunteer recognition events, and much more, including the opportunity to be a part of Canada's premier Zoo family. Weekday Volunteers assist with elementary level student workshops by leading curriculum-based tours on the Zoo site. Weekend Volunteers assist at special events and operate educational areas on the Zoo site. Volunteers do not handle plants or animals.

The deadline for applications is Friday September 17, 2010. Please see the Zoo's web site, <u>torontozoo.com</u>, email <u>tzvolunteers@torontozoo.ca</u>, or call 416-392-5942 for an application. Applications are due no later than Friday, September 17, 2010.

Toronto Zoo Year-round Volunteer applications are always available on the Zoo's web site or by mail and are due annually by the third Friday in September. Applicants are screened and interviewed and selected individuals are invited to a training program taking place once a week (weekday Volunteers attend one weekday class per week and weekend Volunteers attend one Saturday class per week). Training encompasses animal knowledge and interpretation techniques and includes informative seminars, lively discussions, and practical assignments.

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The Zoo is located on Meadowvale Road north of Hwy. 401, Exit 389 east or west bound. Hours of operation are 9:00 am -7:30 pm with last admissions at 6:30 pm. General Admission (ages 13-64) is \$23,

Children (ages 4-12) are \$13, Seniors (aged 65 +) are \$17, Children ages 3 and under are free. Parking is \$10. Events and admission prices are subject to change without notice. For general information, call (416) 392-5929 or

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