

# Roosevelt Park Zoo

## 2023 ZooTeen Program

If you are passionate about animals, love helping people and have ever wondered what it's like working at a zoo, Roosevelt Park Zoo's ZooTeen volunteer program is just for you! The purpose of the ZooTeen program is to enhance the zoo experience with daily activities and develop leaders who make positive change happen- for people, for animals and for the environment. We are accepting a maximum of 24 qualified, committed teens.

### Requirements

- 13 years or older
- Attend orientation and training day (dates provided below)
- Provide own transportation to & from the zoo
- Maintain a positive attitude & have a willingness to help with all activities assigned
- Able to work as a team and independently
- Submit a completed application & one letter of recommendation
- Submit a background check application
- Able to commit 60 hours of volunteering between May-August
- Ability to commit to 1 volunteer shift per week during summer
  - Exceptions can be made if approved ahead of time

### Possible ZooTeen Duties:

- Assist with Zoo Summer Camp in June and July
- Help with special events, games and crafts
- Assist with tasks around the zoo including cleaning, sweeping paths & emptying trash cans
- Greet visitors, talk to the public about animals throughout the zoo, conduct visitor surveys, etc.
- Learn about zoo history and its animals
- Complete tasks and training materials as assigned (all materials will be provided)

### Training Dates:

- Parent & Teen Orientation: Mon, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm (teen **and one** parent/guardian must attend)
- Training Day: Sat, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm (ZooTeen only)

### How to Apply:

- Applications and one letter of recommendation **due by Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Recommendation letter must be from someone who **IS NOT** related to you
  - Recommendation letter can be emailed to [travis@minotparks.com](mailto:travis@minotparks.com) or mailed to Roosevelt Park Zoo C/O Travis Heil 1219 Burdick Expressway East PO Box 538 Minot, ND 58702



# 2023 ZooTeen Application

Application can be emailed to [travis@minotparks.com](mailto:travis@minotparks.com) OR mailed to  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Currently In: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Returning ZooTeens are exempt from submitting a recommendation letter.  
Are you a returning ZooTeen - Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Are you able to attend both meeting days - Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

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ZooTeen T-shirt Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Second ZooTeen T-shirt (\$8):

Reason if you cannot attend orientation and/or training day:

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Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Two References that are not related to you with telephone number:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know them: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know them: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduce yourself! What do you want us to know about you? There are no wrong answers. We love hearing things like – what are you passionate about? What talents or skills do you have? Do you play sports or an instrument? Have you had a cool animal or conservation experiences? What’s your favorite color or what do you want to do for a living?

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Why do you want to be a ZooTeen?

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What skills can you bring to Roosevelt Park Zoo from the activities, hobbies or other volunteering that you like to do? How do they influence who you are?

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How will the experience of being a volunteer ZooTeen impact your future?

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An important part of the ZooTeen program is developing new skills and learning new abilities. What are three things you think you could learn or are hoping to get out of the experience?

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Don't forget to have one recommendation letter and background check form  
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**Thank you for applying to be a ZooTeen at Roosevelt Park Zoo!  
All applicants will be contacted by phone by Tuesday May 9th, 2023.**

