



# Volunteer/Docent Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ 15 or older? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/School \_\_\_\_\_

*Volunteer Preferences* :(circle one) Docent(18 & above) **OR** Volunteer(15& above)

A **docent** is a specially trained Zoo Volunteer who interacts with the public at animal exhibits, gives guided tours, helps with educational classes, volunteers for special events as well as a variety of other activities. A **volunteer** is person who does animal care, landscaping, office support, etc.

Preferred area to work: (Please circle)

Education      Animal Care      Landscaping      Office Support      Greet Public

Days and hours you are available: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted to volunteer at special events?    YES      NO

## *Volunteer Experience*

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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Skills/Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to volunteer at the zoo? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chattanooga Zoo Volunteer Program**  
**Job Description**  
***This does not apply to Docents***

**Position Description:**

Assist Zoo staff with daily zoo keeping responsibilities through the Zoo and exhibits.

**Work Area:**

**Chattanooga Zoo**

**Qualifications:**

**Zoo Volunteers Should:**

- Be at least 15 years old or older
- Be able to lift at least 30lbs
- Must be able to do physical labor
- Have good oral and communication skills (occasionally may be given the option to speak to the public)
- Be able to work in cold and hot temperatures
- Be respectful of your surroundings and those that have authority over you.
- Be enthusiastic, cheerful and a team player.
- Have an interest for animals and people.

**Basic Duties:**

- Prepare food
- Clean exhibits
- Observe behavior (such as breeding or daily health)
- Maintenance(cleaning windows, taking out trash)
- Cleaning after animals

**Training:**

- Training on site with Zoo staff

**Time and Commitment:**

- Work 4 or 5 hours shifts OR we could work around your schedule
- Shifts are offered seven days a week

## Chattanooga Zoo General Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Whereas, Friends of the Zoo, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, desire to obtain entrance to the cages of certain wild animals at the Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park within Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the cages of the wild animals within the Zoo: and

Whereas, the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the owner of Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park and is unwilling to allow admittance of any individual into such cages unless a General Release be signed by Friends of the Zoo, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and specifically by any individuals who desire to work I our about said animal cages located within the Chattanooga Zoo, prior to the beginning of such work; and

Whereas, Friends of the Zoo, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and each individual affiliated with said corporation who desires to work in or about the cages of the wild animals in Chattanooga Zoo, a desire to sign this General Release in order to gain admittance to said wild animal cages at Chattanooga Zoo:

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby agreed as follows:

Friends of the Zoo, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation, by and through its officers and agents Releaser and each individual who desires to work in or about the cages of wild animals in Chattanooga Zoo (“Individual Releasers”) hereby execute this General Release in favor of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and any and all officials, employees, or agents of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee not otherwise specifically named herein releases and any representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns of the City of Chattanooga.

In consideration of allowing Individual Releasers to enter into and work around cages of wild animals located at Chattanooga Zoo. Releaser and Individual Releasers release and forever discharge Releasers from and of any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, or whatsoever kind of nature, arising from or related to any personal injury, property damage or any other claim as a result of the agreement of the City of Chattanooga to allow Friends of the Zoo, Inc. to gain admittance to the cages of wild animals in the Chattanooga Zoo. Releaser and Individual Releasers specifically include herein a release and discharge of any unknown unasserted or unsuspected claims, whether contract, tort, statutory, warranty or otherwise, which releaser or Individual Releaser may every have as a result of any claims or damages suffered by those individuals who are allowed to gain admittance to the wild animal cages at Chattanooga Zoo. Releasers and Individual Releasers expressly agree that this General Release and hold agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the United States and the State of Tennessee.

Individual Releasers recognize that they desire to gain admittance to wild animal cages for which they may be held strictly liable in the event of any damages, claims or injuries suffered by an officer, agents or employees of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, or the general public for their actions. Individual Releasers agree to hold harmless and indemnify Releasers for any and all damages, claims or injuries suffered by any officer, agent, or employee of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee or the general public as a result of Releaser’s conduct or actions in or about the wild animal cages.

Releasers and Individual Releasers agree to require any individual who desire to work in or around the cages of wild animas at the Chattanooga Zoo to sign this General Release and Hold Harmless Agreement prior to commencing any work or going around such site. Individual Releasers shall be bound by this agreement regarding any and every claim, demand, action, or right of action, or whatsoever kind or nature, arising from or related to any personal injury, injuries or damages suffered by any officer, agent or employee of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee and the general public as a result of the actions of Individual Releasers.

We, the following undersigned, have read this General Release and Hold Harmless Agreement and understand all of its terms and conditions as to the release of any potential claim which we might ever have against the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee or officials, employees, or agents of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and, with respect to the Individual Releasers as to any potential liability which we may have to officers, agents, and employees of the City of Chattanooga and the general public. We execute this General Release and Hold Harmless Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of it significance.

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Printed Name

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Supervisor

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Signature

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Date