

Intro

The Saint Louis Zoo [Education Department](#) depends upon numerous teen volunteers to assist with educational opportunities and events throughout the year. These volunteers help teach young children and Zoo visitors about wildlife and habitat conservation, volunteer at our summer day camp, Camp KangaZoo, help with overnight programs and more. Volunteers could be asked to lead a craft or activity with Zoo visitors, escort children to the restroom, set up or clean up a Zoo birthday party, or teach visitors how to pet a stingray.

Volunteers benefit as they gain teaching experience, leadership experience, references for future employment, service hours and much more. They also learn a great deal about animals, conservation and the Zoo. Our teen volunteer educator program is called Zoo ALIVE, which stands for Active Leaders In Volunteer Education.

We would like to share this opportunity with you. To apply, complete the online application and send in the required application materials outlined on the [Zoo ALIVE website](#). Feel free to share the application materials with friends who would like to apply.

Applications are due (received by) Feb 28th, 2018! When your application is received it will be reviewed, and you will be asked to participate in a group interview. There are a limited number of positions, so not all applicants can be accepted into the program. Applicants will be notified in April, about whether or not they have been accepted as a Zoo ALIVE volunteer.

Please note that Zoo ALIVE is NOT a summer volunteer program, but a year-round program which requires a minimum of 1 full year commitment. Please seriously consider whether you have enough time to make this commitment, and whether you have reliable transportation to the Zoo.

If you are interested in volunteering only in the summer, see the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#), and scroll to the bottom for details on "Zoo Teens," the summer-only teen volunteer program.

If you have any questions, please call (314) 646-4563.

Sincerely,
Eve Cooney
Manager of Youth Programs

Qualifications

- Must volunteer to help with at least 2 activities per month throughout the year (June 2019 through May 2020).
- We are seeking mature teens with an aptitude for leadership and responsibility, who can represent a world class organization.
- Should be interested in animals or conservation studies, and be willing to try new things.
- Must enjoy working with children. Experience working with children preferred, but not required.
- Must be able to attend the following:
 - **Group Interview:** Sunday March 10th from 9 am – 12 pm **or** 1 pm – 4 pm
 - **Volunteer Orientation:** Saturday, April 13th 9 am - 2 pm **or** Monday, June 3rd, 9 am - 2 pm. Must be at least 15 years old by your chosen Volunteer Orientation date.
 - **Camp Training:** Saturday, June 1st from 9 am – 4 pm **or** Friday, June 7th from 9 am – 4 pm . No exceptions will be made. Must be at least 15 years old by your chosen Camp Training date.
 - **Monthly Meeting:** Held at the Zoo, usually the first Sunday of every month, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Must be able to volunteer at least 2 consecutive weeks between June 10th and Aug 9th . Times and days may vary based on your volunteer assignment:
 - Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm **and either**
 - Thursday overnight from 5:45 pm to Friday, 9:00 am **or** Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Must be at least 15 years old by Volunteer Orientation or Camp Training, whichever comes first.

This application cannot be saved in-progress.

It is recommended that you save your text answers in a document on your own computer as you proceed. This will make it easier if you need to return later with other information to complete your application fully.

[If you would like to see a full copy of the application questions before proceeding, please see here.](#)

Email cooney@stlzoo.org with any questions.

The Zoo ALIVE application contains several components. All must be completed for your application to be considered complete. Go to the [Zoo ALIVE website](#) to find the required forms.

1. **Online application** - To be completed via Survey monkey
2. **Recommendation form (2 pages)**
May be sent via email from the recommendation writer, or by mail to the address indicated on the Zoo ALIVE website.
3. **Medical Information/Release Form (1 page)** May be sent via email or mail
4. **Terms & Conditions (1 page)** May be sent via email or mail
5. **Proof of Age** May be sent via email or mail
6. **Request for Child Abuse or Neglect/Criminal Record (1 page) *must be sent by mail***
See the Zoo ALIVE website for instructions.

Contact Information

* 1. Name & Mailing Address

My Preferred Name *(all mail and non-legal documents will use this name unless you request otherwise)* :

My Legal Name (First & Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Legal Guardian Address *(if different than yours; write "N/A" if this does not apply)* :

All ZAs must have an email address that we will use to share Google Docs and communicate event information. You will also use it to join a Yahoo Group. Some school email addresses have these applications blocked. If you don't have a non-school email address you may need to get one for this program.

This email address should be one you check regularly.

We will use this address to communicate with you about the status of your application.

* 2. Email Address (Teen Volunteer Applicant):

* 3. Whose email address is this?

- This is my email address.
- This is a parent/guardian's email address.
- Other (please specify):

* 4. Phone Numbers (enter "not applicable" for those that do not apply)

Landline Home Phone:

Cell Phone (Teen Volunteer Applicant):

Parent/Guardian 1 Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian 2 Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian 3 Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian 1 Work Phone:

Parent/Guardian 2 Work Phone:

Parent/Guardian 3 Work Phone:

* 5. Date of Birth:

Applicants must be at least 15 years old either at the time of Volunteer Orientation or Camp Training, whichever comes first. Email cooney@stlzoo.org if you have questions regarding this requirement.

MM/DD/YYYY

Schedule

* 6. Interview

All applicants are required to attend one group interview, no exceptions. Interviews will be held on Sun. March 10th.

Indicate the session you will attend. Check both if you are available for either time.

Sunday, March 10th, 9 am - 12 pm

Sunday, March 10th, 1 pm - 4 pm

* 7. Volunteer Orientation

You are required to attend one day of Volunteer Orientation. Reserve this date on your calendar now.

Indicate which date you will attend. You must be at least 15 years old by your chosen Volunteer Orientation date.

Saturday, April 13th, 9 am - 2 pm Monday, June 3rd, 9 am - 2 pm

* 8. Camp KangaZoo Training

You are required to attend one day of Camp Training. Reserve this date on your calendar now. Indicate which date you will attend. You must be at least 15 years old by your chosen Camp Training date.

Saturday, June 1st, 9 am - 4 pm Friday, June 7th, 9 am - 4 pm

* 9. Camp KangaZoo - Required Weeks

If accepted into the Zoo ALIVE program you are required to volunteer for at least 2 consecutive (ie they occur one after the other) weeks of Camp KangaZoo.

Rate your preference and indicate your availability for your 2 consecutive weeks options below.

Camp hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm **and either:**

Thursday overnight from 5:45 pm to Friday, 9:00 am **or** Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Times and days may vary depending on volunteer placement. Volunteers should plan to be available for these hours until otherwise notified.

****The week of July 1-3, Camp takes place Monday-Wednesday only. There will be no overnight that week and no Camp on Thursday July 4.**

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	7th Choice	8th Choice	Unavailable these dates
June 10-14 & June 17-21	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
June 17-21 & June 24-28	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
June 24-28 & July 1-3**	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 1-3** & July 8-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 8-12 & July 15-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 15-19 & July 22-26	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 22-26 & July 29-Aug 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 30-Aug 3 & Aug 5-9	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other information about my availability:

10. Camp KangaZoo - Optional Additional Weeks

How many weeks would you like to volunteer at Camp?

You are required to volunteer a minimum of 2 consecutive weeks, but are welcome to do more.

Additional volunteer weeks do not need to be consecutive.

- The required 2 consecutive weeks
- 3 weeks
- 4 weeks
- 5 weeks
- 6 weeks or more

* 11. Camp KangaZoo - Optional Additional Week Dates

If you are available for any additional single, non-consecutive weeks, please indicate below.

Camp hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm and either:
Thursday overnight from 5:45 pm to Friday, 9:00 am or Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

***The week of July 1-3, Camp takes place Monday-Wednesday only. There will be no overnight that week and no Camp on Thursday July 4.*

	Available this week	Unavailable
June 10-14	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
June 17-21	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
June 24-28	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 1-3**	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 8-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 15-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 22-26	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
July 29-Aug 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aug 5-9	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other information about my availability:

School

* 12. Are you required to volunteer for high school graduation?

No

Yes (Please enter how many hours you are required to complete):

* 13. My High School Information:

High School:

School Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

School Phone Number:

School Counselor Name:

* 14. What year do you expect to graduate from high school?

Year

Expected Graduation:

* 15. How did you learn about our Zoo ALIVE Teen Volunteer program? (Select all that apply)

- Zoo website
- Attended Camp KangaZoo, Zoo Overnight, or other Zoo program
- My teacher or guidance counselor
- School announcements
- My parents/guardians
- My friend or sibling is a current or former Zoo ALIVE Teen Volunteer (please specify below)
- Zoo employee or (non-teen) volunteer (please specify below)
- Zoo ALIVE Teen Volunteer gave a presentation (please specify below)
- Other (please specify)

Responsibility & Qualities

Please describe 3 instances which show your ability to make and keep a commitment, or that show your level of responsibility.

* 16. Instance 1:

* 17. Instance 2:

* 18. Instance 3:

* 19. What kinds of volunteer opportunities interest you? Check all that apply.

- Working with peers (other teen volunteers) to create and lead conservation projects.
- Leading crafts, games, or other activities on Zoo grounds, with Zoo visitors of all ages.
- Assisting with educational programs for young children (infant through age 5).
- Assisting with educational programs for school-age children (age 6-12).
- Playing costume characters at public Zoo events.
- Helping with existing Zoo conservation projects.
- Teaching Zoo visitors how to interact with and touch stingrays.
- Helping with Zoo overnight programs.
- Camping, hiking, or other outdoor nature experiences.
- Other (please specify)

* 20. What are your qualities? Please rate yourself on each of the following characteristics. (5 means it REALLY describes you, 1 means it does not describe you.)

5 (High)	4	3	2	1 (Low)
I am great with kids	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am an animal "geek"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a conservationist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am comfortable being a leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I love the outdoors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am interested in science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am comfortable talking to children I don't know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am comfortable talking to adults I don't know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a large circle of friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a behind-the-scenes type person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am organized	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to try new things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am considering a science-related career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 21. Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements (10 = strongest, 1= weakest).

10
(Strongest) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 (Weakest)

I like science

I like biology

I will likely pursue a career in an area related to science, technology, engineering, or math

I understand what it means to pursue a career in biology

I know what comparative animal physiology is

I like comparative animal physiology

* 22. Please indicate how many semesters of science classes you've taken in high school

(ex: 2 semesters of biology would count as 2; 2 semesters of chemistry would count as 2 more, with that being a total of 4 altogether *even if you took the chemistry classes the same time as your biology classes*)

Extracurricular Activities

Zoo ALIVE is a year-round program. If accepted into the program, you will be required to attend a meeting on the first Sunday of each month 5:00-7:00 pm.

You will also be required to volunteer at least twice each month.

Since we only accept volunteers once per year, it is important that we accept candidates who can commit to volunteering for the full year, June 2019 through May 2020. This is not a summer-only volunteer program.

Take this time to seriously consider your priorities for the upcoming year. Then, please list all of your extracurricular activities, and indicate when they would conflict with Zoo ALIVE, if at all.

23. Extracurricular Activity 1:

Activity: *(example: Nursery School Volunteer)*

What do you love about this activity? *(example: I love working with kids)*

Will this activity conflict with Zoo ALIVE? *(example: Possibly)*

If so, which months, dates, or times would it conflict? *(example: I would be unable to volunteer on Sunday mornings.)*

24. Extracurricular Activity 2:

Activity:

What do you love about this activity?

Will this activity conflict with Zoo ALIVE?

If so, which months, dates, or times would it conflict?

25. Extracurricular Activity 3:

Activity:

What do you love about this activity?

Will this activity conflict with Zoo ALIVE?

If so, which months, dates, or times would it conflict?

26. Extracurricular Activity 4:

Activity:

What do you love about this activity?

Will this activity conflict with Zoo ALIVE?

If so, which months, dates, or times would it conflict?

27. Extracurricular Activity 5:

Activity:

What do you love about this activity?

Will this activity conflict with Zoo ALIVE?

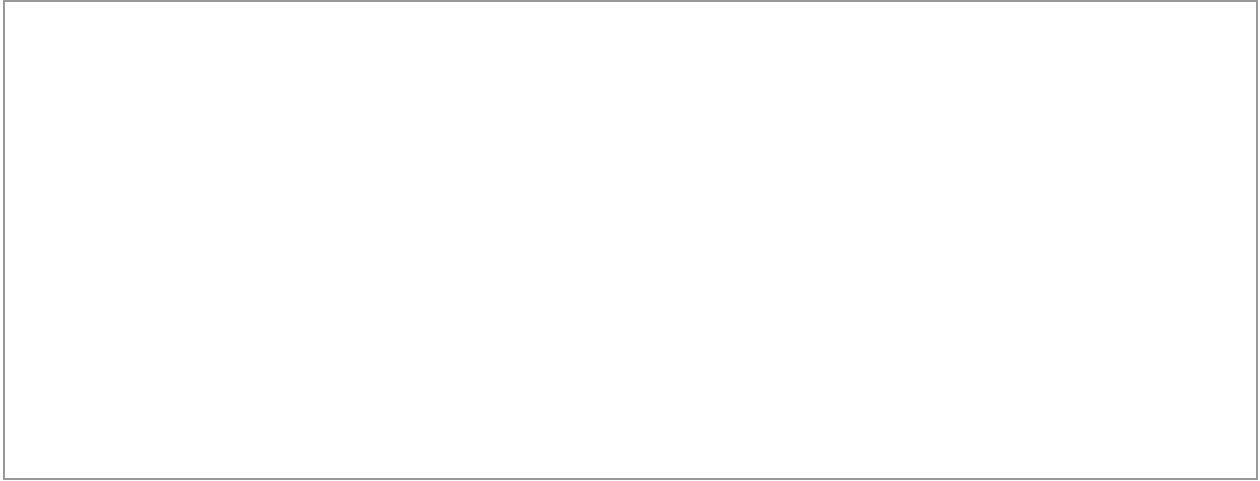
If so, which months, dates, or times would it conflict?

Short Essays

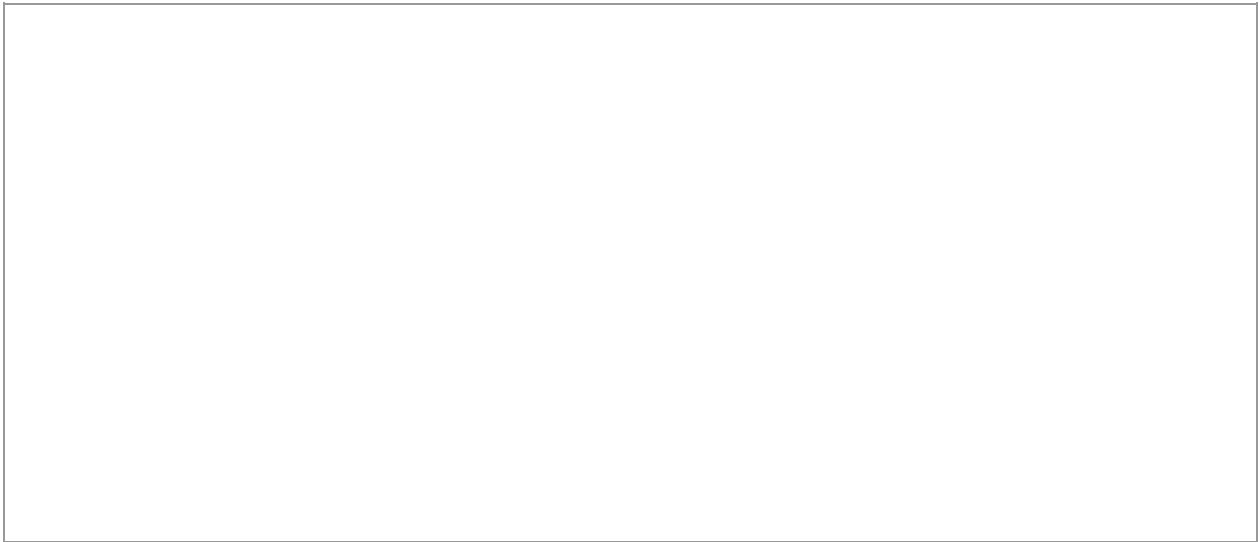
* 28. Please describe any work, volunteer, or life experiences you have, which may help you in your role as a volunteer Zoo educator.

* 29. How do other people describe you?

* 30. What would make you a good role model for children **and** visitors at the Zoo?



* 31. Why do you want to join Zoo ALIVE?



When you hit "done" below, your online application will be submitted. You will not be able to edit your online application once it has been submitted.

You must also complete and send additional required materials for your application to be considered complete. Go to the [Zoo ALIVE website](#) to find the required forms.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you!