General Summary
The Lead Camp Mentor is an unpaid leadership position in support of the overall Zoo Crew Program, in which you will be responsible for helping facilitate existing Camp programs, which are: fun, exciting, recreational and educational. The programs will be based on topics relating to natural sciences (zoology, ecology, conservation and animal husbandry) with the purpose of igniting a passion for learning, conservation, and an understanding of the natural world in order to cultivate the next generation of conservation heroes.

The Lead Camp Mentor will have the opportunity to hone their teaching/mentoring skills and build leadership skills as they take an active role on our Leadership Council, and provide insight into how we can improve the Zoo Crew program. This position requires a high level of energy, enthusiasm, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to work with groups of all ages in both in and outdoor settings.

Roles and Responsibilities
The Zoo Crew Lead Camp Mentor is a leadership position within the Zoo Crew program. Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

• Serving as a member of the leadership council and participate in meetings and activities throughout the year to prepare for the summer program.
• Introducing Zoo Crew and Guides at the beginning of the week, making sure everyone knows who and where to meet.
• Taking attendance of all Zoo Crew participating as a Camp Mentor
• Communicate with both Camp Guides and Zoo Crew teens to make sure they are properly preparing for the Zoo Crew to facilitate an activity by the end of the week.
• Perform Lead Camp Guide duties, such as observations of camp behaviors alongside a Lead Camp Guide who will be acting as a mentor.
• Provide feedback to Camp Mentors by filling out feedback forms
• Distribution and collection of all camp feedback forms
• Identify sections of camp that are weak and could use improvements and communicate this to Camp Supervisor
• Complete a project to either create an alternate Camp Zoofari week of curricula, including: topic, programming, activities, etc. or create a binder of camp activities based on various themes or animals
• May be asked to act as a fill-in in other Zoo Crew sections as needed
• Will act as a go-to if questions arise for first year Zoo Crew

Schedule
Pre-Summer Planning
These meetings are opportunities for the Leadership Council to get to know each other and prepare for the summer.

Mandatory
• Sunday, March 8, 2020: 9am-4pm
• Saturday, April 4, 2020: 9am-4pm
• Sunday, May 3, 2020: 9am-4pm

Recommended
• Saturday, May 5, 2020: 12:30am-2:30pm, Camp Guide Training
• Monday, May 25, 2020: 8:30am-4:30pm, Camp Mentor Training
• Friday, July 3, 2020: 8:30am-4:30pm, Camp Mentor Training
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Summer
The schedule is approximate and can change at any time between now and the start of the program. It is only meant to provide applicants with an idea of what to expect going into this position. There will be several small duties that are not included in the following outline. This schedule is consecutive beginning on June 1-July 3 or July 6-August 7.

- **Week 1:** Learn the ropes
- **Week 2:** Facilitate Lead Camp Mentor activities
- **Week 3:** Facilitate Lead Camp Mentor activities
- **Week 4:** Facilitate Lead Camp Mentor activities
- **Week 5:** Continue doing daily duties, but focus on completing the alternate Camp Zoofari week or binder of camp activities. Prepare it for presentation to Camp Supervisor, Education Programs Manager, and/or Teen Programs staff.

Year-Round Zoo Crew
After the summer, Teen Leadership Council will have once monthly mandatory meetings. At these meetings TLC will be debriefing from the summer, planning for future events such as World Lemur Festival, and discussing future Zoo Crew projects.

**Tentative fall meeting schedule:**
- September 5, 2020: 9am-4pm
- October 3, 2020: 9am-4pm
- November 14, 2020: 9am-4pm
- December 5, 2020: 9am-4pm

In addition to the monthly meetings, TLC will also be required to participate in either a leadership capacity or as a Zoo Crew in the events required for Year-Round Zoo Crew. Minimum requirements are as follows:

**Fall (October– January)**
- Two shifts of Zoo Boo
- One day of Camp Mentoring

**Spring (January- May)**
- Three shifts as Naturalist. This can include opportunities such as Naturalist station development, Spotlight on Species events, etc.

Qualifications and Requirements
- Have one year of Zoo Crew completed
- Be in good standing in the Zoo Crew program
- Be 15 years old by May 31, 2020
- Be between the ages of 15 and 17 *through* the end of your session
- Be able and committed to attend 3 mandatory meetings described above of meetings in the Spring
- Be able to commit to **ALL** 5 weeks of one of the Zoo Crew Explorers sessions in the summer.
- Be able to continue through the Year-Round Zoo Crew program. Additional once-monthly meetings beyond the Year-Round Program commitment will be required for the members of the Leadership Council.
Preferred Skills
- A high level of energy and enthusiasm, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to work with groups of all ages in both in and outdoor settings.
- Ability to lead large groups of kids of multiple ages
- Flexibility with day to day routines
- A high level of honesty
- Works well with Zoo Crew and Zoo Staff, regardless of personality, age difference, etc.

To Apply
Submit application by Saturday, February 1, 2020. Interviews will occur between February 17-22, 2020. Applicants will be chosen based on their application, interview, and previous evaluations.

Parental/Guardian Agreement
Being part of the Teen Leadership Council is a significant commitment. We want to ensure that all TLC members and their parents/guardians understand and agree to commit to all required meetings/participation dates as outlined above.