

2021 Zoo Crew Camp Zoofari Historian Leadership Position Description

General Summary

The Zoo Crew Camp Zoofari Historian is an unpaid leadership position in support of the Camp Zoofari and Zoo Crew Program in which you will be responsible for assisting Camp Zoofari staff with capturing photos of campers during specific Camp Zoofari activities, as well as capturing candid photos of campers, and Zoo Crew interacting with campers throughout the camp experience. The Zoo Crew Camp Zoofari Historian will have the opportunity to hone their photography skills by capturing moments and activities from each camp section that could be used on the Houston Zoo's website for marketing purposes.

They will also be building 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 and 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 Historian is a leadership position within the Zoo Crew program. Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Serve as a member of the Leadership Council and participate in meetings and activities to prepare for the summer program.
- Take photos campers participating in Camp Zoofari during specific camp activities such as giraffe feeding, animal handling, etc. and post these regularly on Smugmug.
- Take photos of Zoo Crew Camp Mentors interacting with campers.
- You may be asked to complete different projects based on the activities or events that occur during your session.
- May be asked to act as a fill-in in other Zoo Crew section 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 28, 2021:** 9am-4pm
- **Sunday, April 18, 2021:** 9am-4pm
- **Sunday, May 9, 2021:** 9am-4pm

Summer

The summer 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 July 5-July 23 or July 26-August 13.

- **Daily Tasks:**
 - Check with Camp Supervisor or Lead Camp Guides to confirm schedule for the day
 - Plan the types of pictures you want to take that day, according to the schedule
 - Upload pictures taken from that day to SmugMug
 - Complete any other tasks that come up throughout the day

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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 4, 2021: 9am-4pm
- October 2, 2021: 9am-4pm
- November 6, 2021: 9am-4pm
- December 4, 2021: 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 (all pending decisions about impacts to Zoo events due to COVID-19):

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, 2021
- 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** 3 weeks of either the first or second half of the Camp Zoofari summer program.
- 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

- Knowledge of photo and video editing software
- Experience in photography and videography

To Apply

Submit application by Saturday, February 27, 2021. Interviews will occur between March 6-13, 2021. 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.

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Statement on COVID-19

Please understand that this is all dependent on our ability to safely conduct the summer and year-round Zoo Crew programs. Program dates as well as Camp Zoofari Historian duties could change based on recommendations due to COVID-19.