

**PROSPECT PARK ZOO**  
**Volunteer Application for Teens and College Students**  
(Please Print)

Mail completed application to:

Prospect Park Zoo, Volunteer Coordinator, Education Department, 450 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

You may also scan and email the application to: [ppzvolunteer@wcs.org](mailto:ppzvolunteer@wcs.org)

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Classes Taken: (Please indicate past or present)

Biology \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT & INTERNSHIPS:** (Please circle past or present) If resume is available, please submit with application.

Past Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

★ Past Present Volunteer Site \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever worked/volunteered for another site of the Wildlife Conservation Society?

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's name and contact number \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERESTS:**

Do you have any special skills or talents (the arts, public speaking, research skills, etc.) that you think are applicable?

Are you fluent in another language? Please specify:

Interests?

Why do you want to volunteer at the Prospect Park Zoo?

How did you find out about the Prospect Park Zoo's volunteer program? If a current or past volunteer/intern referred you, please list their name and your relation.

**School Year Volunteering**

Please check which School Year option you are applying for.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full School Year 2015-2016**

*Please note your availability by marking "1", "2", and "3" below your first, second & third choices.*

School Year shifts: 9:30 – 2:00, 12:30 – 5:30 (4:30 Nov – March), or 9:30 – 5:30 (4:30 Nov – March)

| <b>School Year Full or Half Day Shifts (weekends only)</b> |         |           |          |        |          |          |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday   |
|  |         |           |          |        | AM       | AM       |
|  |         |           |          |        | PM       | PM       |
|  |         |           |          |        | Full Day | Full Day |

Check here if you are interested in a weekday school-year internship supervised by your high school or college \_\_\_\_\_. **You must be available during the school day for this option.** Afternoon shifts begin no later than 1:45 pm.

| <b>School Year Internship Shifts (Mon – Thurs only) - Fall or Spring Semester</b> |         |           |          |        |          |        |
|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|   |         |           |          |        |          |        |

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| AM |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PM |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Summer 2015

Summer volunteer shifts are 9:30 – 5:00 on weekdays, and 9:30 – 5:30 on weekends.

**Summer volunteers must be available for 2 full day shifts per week and are required to complete at a minimum of 100 volunteer hours of service after training.**

| Full Day Summer Shifts |         |           |          |        |          |        |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Monday                 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|                        |         |           |          |        |          |        |

### COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Summer dates you are available to volunteer: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Please check all areas that interest you:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Behavior Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/ Interacting With Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ecology                       |

**All applicants must meet the requirements listed below.**

- All applicants must be at least fourteen (14) years of age & have *completed* middle school.
- All applicants must submit a recommendation from a teacher, scout leader, etc. (unless represented by an internship program). Send recommendations with the application if possible.
- All applicants must successfully complete a training course, including a written test.
- All applicants must be available to attend all training classes before they can volunteer.  
Summer 2015 Classes: June 29, 30, July 1, 2, & 3, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- A fee of \$35.00 is required for all trainees, which covers a uniform shirt, ID badge and training materials.
- Upon successful completion of training, the minimum time commitment expected includes: 2 full days per week for at least 7 weeks of the summer (100 volunteer hours after training)
- All applicants must be willing and able to work both indoors and outdoors.
- All applicants must be willing and able to work with children of varying ages, as well as adults.

Please consider all the information above before submitting your application.

I have considered all the requirements and would like to submit my application for the Prospect Park Zoo Discovery Guide Program. ***I certify that I am at least fourteen (14) years of age.***

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age, please have parent/guardian sign:

Parent/Guardian name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Prospect Park Zoo**  
**Volunteer Recommendation Form**

To be completed by a school faculty member or community leader.

**Recommendation for:** \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate this student's ability to work with the public? Have you observed this student's interpersonal skills?

Does this student have the maturity and responsibility to represent the Prospect Park Zoo as a volunteer? How has he/she demonstrated these qualities in school or in your program?

Does this student have a well-developed interest or background in science? What special projects or studies has he/she undertaken?

What other comments can you offer in support of this student's application to become a Prospect Park Zoo Discovery Guide?

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School or Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please give this recommendation (in a sealed envelope if you prefer) to the student to submit with their application. If that is not possible, scan and email recommendation to [ppzvolunteer@wcs.org](mailto:ppzvolunteer@wcs.org)*