



## News Release

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### **Columbian Park Zoo seeks Zoo Teen candidates**

**LAFAYETTE, IN - January 10, 2023** - Columbian Park Zoo is now accepting applications for the 2023 Zoo Teen program.

The Zoo Teen program is a supervised volunteer opportunity for youth ages 14-17 years old. The program allows participants to build a variety of transferable job skills, such as interpersonal communication, customer service, time management, professional conduct, leadership, and more. The Zoo Teen program strives to create informed and passionate leaders in the area of conservation and wildlife education.

Teens with an interest in any career field are encouraged to apply. Those with a particular interest in animal-related careers will especially benefit from this program through multiyear participation.

Applications are available online at [www.columbianparkzoo.org](http://www.columbianparkzoo.org). Deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 10, 2023. Participation is limited and acceptance is competitive. ***If invited to participate, applicants must be able to attend mandatory training dates, including a group interview which will take place on either March 18 or April 2, 2023.***

Zoo Teens accepted into the program will be required to volunteer one four-hour shift per week over the summer. Through working with qualified zoo staff, teens will have the opportunity to learn hands-on skills with select zoo animals. Zoo Teens will also gain experience with public speaking and wildlife education. Participants should be prepared for a summer of hard work, new experiences, and fun!

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Spence, Zoo Teen Coordinator at 765-807-1558 or [zooteen@lafayette.in.gov](mailto:zooteen@lafayette.in.gov).



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**About Columbian Park Zoo**

Founded in 1908, Columbian Park Zoo is the second oldest zoo in Indiana. It is approximately 6 acres in size and is located in historic Columbian Park. The Zoo features several “immersion” exhibits and the animal collection consists of nearly 200 animals representing approximately 90 species.

For more information about the Zoo, please call 765-807-1540 or visit [columbianparkzoo.org](http://columbianparkzoo.org). Stay up to date on Zoo happenings at [www.facebook.com/cpzoo](https://www.facebook.com/cpzoo) and [www.twitter.com/ColumbianPrkZoo!](https://www.twitter.com/ColumbianPrkZoo!)

**About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city’s trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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