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Columbian Park Zoo seeks Zoo Teen candidates

LAFAYETTE, IN – January 30, 2025 – Columbian Park Zoo is now accepting applications for the 2025 Zoo Teen program.

The Zoo Teen program is a supervised, educational volunteer opportunity for youth ages 14 to 17 years old. The program strives to create informed and passionate future leaders in conservation and wildlife education. Participants also develop transferable job skills including interpersonal communication, customer service, time management, professional conduct, leadership, and more.

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 encouraged and optional multiyear participation.

Applications are available online at www.columbianparkzoo.org. **The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 14, 2025.** 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 30 or April 5, 2025.**

Zoo Teens accepted into the program will volunteer one four-hour shift per week over the summer. 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 interpretation. Participants should be prepared for a summer of hard work, new experiences and fun!

For additional information please contact Lacy Tolliver, Volunteer Coordinator at 765-807-1558 or zooteen@lafayette.in.gov.

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 and benefits of a Zoo membership, please call 765-807-1540 or visit columbianparkzoo.org. Stay up to date on Zoo happenings at www.facebook.com/cpzoo and www.twitter.com/ColumbianPrkZoo!

Lafayette Parks and Recreation

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains over 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 32 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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