

San Francisco Zoo

Youth Volunteer Programs



The San Francisco Zoo has several youth volunteer programs, for ages 11 and up. The first step in applying is to attend the informational orientation for the program you're interested in. All orientations occur in the Lurie Education Center, are free to attend and don't require a reservation. During the orientation, staff members will answer questions, discuss the program in more detail and will explain the application process. We hope to see you at one of the orientations!

2017 Summer Programs



NATURE TRAIL

Volunteer throughout the summer and learn to handle mammals, reptiles and amphibians while speaking to the public about the animals' natural histories and conservation. Participants must attend three weekend training days prior to starting the summer volunteer season.

- **Ages:** 12 - 14 years old (participants must be 12 by June 1st and still be 14 by Labor Day)
- **Program Duration:** mid-June through Labor Day
- **Program Commitment:** 2 days a week from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **2017 Orientations:** Saturday, February 18th, 2017 from 10-12 noon or Sunday, February, 26th, 2017 from 10-12 noon. You only need to attend one of the two orientations.



TALK ON THE WILD SIDE (TOWS)

Learn how to handle livestock, insects and more, while giving informational talks to Zoo visitors. Utilize biofact carts to educate the public. Participants must attend three weekend training days prior to summer.

- **Ages:** 14 - 17 years old (must be 14 by June 1st, 2017)
- **Program Duration:** mid-June through Labor Day
- **Program Commitment:** 2 days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **2017 Orientations:** Saturday, February 18th, 2017 from 1-2 p.m. or Sunday, February 26th, 2017 from 1-2p.m. You only need to attend one of the two orientations.



ZOO TEACHER ASSISTANT (ZTA)

Interact with children in our Zoo Camp program. Help kids explore the world of animals through Zoo tours, crafts and games and assist Zoo Camp teachers with activities. Gain practical work experience with children. Participants must attend two training days and work a daily shift for a minimum of four weeks throughout the summer.

- **Ages:** 14 - 17 years old (must be 14 by June 1st, 2017)
- **Program Duration:** mid-June through mid-August
- **Program Commitment:** Four weeks, Monday- Friday, choose from 8:30-4:30, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 12:00p.m.-4:30 p.m. shifts
- **2017 Orientation:** Saturday, March 4th, 2017, from 10-11 a.m.

2017-18 School Year Program



SAN FRANCISCO ZOO CREW

Volunteer on a team to restore wildlife habitat at Lake Merced and possibly other sites in San Francisco. Learn about native and invasive plants and encourage wildlife to return to local habitats for the benefit and enjoyment of the entire community.

- **Ages:** 11 - 14 years old (must be 11 by Sept 1st, 2017)
- **Program Duration:** September - June
- **Program Commitment:** During the school year, one Saturday per month from 9:30-12 noon.
- **2017 Orientation:** Saturday, August 12th, 2017, 10-11 a.m.

For more information email youth@sfzoo.org, visit www.sfzoo.org/teenvolunteer or call 415-753-8123