

ZooCamp at Stone Zoo 2023

Position: Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

Classification: Volunteer within the Education Department

Description: CITs are volunteers ages 15-17 within our ZooCamp program.

Commitment: One week of summer ZooCamp

Summary of Responsibilities:

CITs are volunteers aged 15-17 that help with our summer ZooCamp program. The CITs will be supervised by the ZooCamp staff and will be responsible for assisting them with maintaining a fun, safe, and educational environment for the campers. This is done by modeling ZooCamp expectations, assisting campers, and encouraging participation throughout the week. The CIT program will provide teen volunteers with experience in conservation, education, working with children within a camp setting, classroom management, and working as part of a team.

CITs will:

- Assist other CITs, Camp Counselors, and the ZooCamp Director with all aspects of camp for ages 6-10.
- Assist in before and after care for campers.
- Learn how to lead different components of ZooCamp including games, crafts, and activities.
- Learn about the animals that call Stone Zoo home to better teach campers.
- Learn how to handle select ambassador animals at the discretion of the Education Department Staff.

Qualifications:

- Must be a student aged 15-17. Grade/age verification may be required.
- Must have completed at least one session of ZooCamp at Stone Zoo as a camper.
- Must commit to one full week of summer ZooCamp, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Monday – Friday.
- Must commit to three mandatory trainings in the spring.
 - o Thursday, June 1st from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm (parent/guardian attendance required)
 - o Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 - o Wednesday, June 14th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Arrive on time and stay for the entirety of their volunteer shift, with reliable transportation to and from the zoo.
- Enjoy interacting with children.
- An interest in conservation and zoos.
- A strong desire to uphold Zoo New England's messages, mission, and goals.
- Adhere to all ZooCamp and Zoo New England policies and procedures.

Benefits:

- Free year-round admission to Franklin Park Zoo/Stone Zoo for yourself.
- Resume-building skills and opportunities for professional development.
- Community service hours for school, sports teams, etc.

How to Apply:

- Teens must submit the completed application and Release Form that is signed by an adult.
- **Please note: Applications must be completed and submitted by the applicant themselves. If applications are completed by or sent in by the parent/guardian, we will not move forward with your application. Applicants are welcome to copy a parent/guardian on any and all emails, but we are working to build young professionals and hope that by curating their own applications and emails, we're able to start the process.**
- Application materials can be sent by email to Lexi Rolfe at SZcamp@zoonewengland.org, or by mail to:

Stone Zoo
Attn: Education Department
149 Pond Street
Stoneham, MA
02180

ZooCamp CIT Program Application

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Street Address:

Applicant's Cell Phone Number:

Applicant's Email Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

Parent/Guardian Email Address:

Please list the years you have attended ZooCamp:

Education

	School Name	# Years Attended	Graduation Year
Middle School			
High School			

Academic/Professional Reference

Please list at least one academic or professional reference (this can be a teacher, coach, scout leader, family friend, etc.) By providing this reference you are authorizing Zoo New England to contact this individual regarding your suitability for our CIT program.

Full Name:

Years Known:

Relationship:

Company Name:

Phone Number:

Summer ZooCamp Availability

Please rank the weeks you're interested in (1 being your first choice, etc.). You may rank as many weeks as you are available.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 1: June 19-23 (5-7 year olds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 6: July 24-28 (8-10 year olds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2: June 26-30 (5-7 year olds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 10: August 21-25 (3-4 year olds) *HALF DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 3: July 3-July 7 (5-7 year olds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 10: August 21-25 (3-4 year olds) *FULL DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 4: July 10-14 (8-10 year olds) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 5: July 17-21 (8-10 year olds) | |

Please note: Week 10 is for 3-4 year old participants and are half day sessions (9:00am-12:00pm). If you are only interested in being a CIT for the half day session, please select that option. There is opportunity to stay for a full day and to work with our summer educators to interpret on Zoo grounds in the afternoon. If you are interested in that option, please select the full day option and answer the additional application question below.

Please explain why you would like to become a CIT at ZooCamp:

Please briefly describe any special skills you have that would be helpful as a CIT:

Do you have any experience working with children or other camp experience?

What makes you a good role model to campers?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about why you would make a good CIT?

If you selected *Week 10, full day*, please explain why you'd like to work with our summer educators out on Zoo grounds to connect with guests. If you are not interested in the week 10 session, or you're not interested in the full day option, please do not answer this question.

I declare that all of the information provided on this application is true and I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation may result in my termination from Zoo New England's volunteer program. I authorize Zoo New England's Education Department to look into these claims in this application. I understand that the CIT position is a volunteer position, and that no payment will be given in exchange for volunteer service.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date: