



SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY

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Fostering Respect for Nature Since 1976

Volunteer Application Form

The Saskatoon Zoo Society is a volunteer-driven, non-profit charity dedicated to fostering respect for nature through our education programs and our support of the Saskatoon Zoo. Volunteers' contributions are an integral part of the daily operations of the Zoo Society. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

Please complete this application form and submit it along with a cover letter and resume to the address above.

Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (day/month/year)

Address		Apartment Number
City	Province	Postal Code
Telephone	E-mail address	

Emergency Contact Name	Home Phone Number
Relationship to Emergency Contact	Business Phone number

Medical Information

Do you have any medical conditions that would affect your ability to perform certain kinds of volunteer tasks, or that the Saskatoon Zoo Society should be aware of? yes no

If yes, please explain:

Volunteer Information

Previous Experience (paid or unpaid) that might prepare you for volunteering for the Saskatoon Zoo Society

Reasons you would like to become a volunteer with the Saskatoon Zoo Society

What do you expect to receive from your volunteer experience?

How did you find out about our Volunteer Program?

Education

- Secondary _____
- Post Secondary _____
- Graduate _____
- Other _____

What languages do you speak reasonably well?

Employment Information

Employer's Name (or School)

Occupation

Address

Volunteer Programs

Special Event Volunteers:

Special events are usually fund raising events. These events are short-term and usually occur on weekends or evenings. Volunteers in this area are individuals who enjoy helping with the production of special events and love interacting with the public. Special events occur throughout the year and include such events as Lobsterfest, Family Day, Keeping up with the Keepers, and the Zoo Run.

Education / Interpreter Volunteers

Consider becoming an interpreter if you are a "people" person with an interest in natural history (animals, plants, geology, geography, conservation etc) and who enjoys sharing these topics with the public. Additional training is required. We will keep you informed when the next training session is offered. Interpretive positions include:

Tour Guides: These interpreters work mainly with school groups providing informative and entertaining interpretive talks on the animals as they guide a group through the Zoo. Tours take place mainly during school hours. (Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 3:30 p.m.) . Volunteers applying for this position must be available sometime during the school week.

Outreach Interpreters:

These interpreters work closely with our Outreach Ambassadors. They travel with a selected animal from the Zoo's collection and present an interpretive talk regarding the ecology of the selected animal to the classroom or group. This program takes place during school hours October through April. Volunteers interested in this position must be available sometime during the school week. They must also be prepared to spend time socializing with our animal ambassadors.

Children's Zoo Interpreters and Investigation Station Interpreters:

These volunteers must love interacting with the public. These programs take place on the weekends. Volunteers work with selected animals in the Kinsmen Children's Zoo and our touch table biofacts (animal artifacts) to provide the Zoo visitor with a hands-on interpretive experience. These volunteers often staff our travelling Zoo Society display at malls, expositions, and fairs.

Other Volunteer Positions: For more information on these positions contact the Zoo Society co-ordinators or a current board member.

Administrative Assistants: Our administration volunteers assist with all our in-house publications, data entry, mailing, and phoning.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors provide the direction and planning needed to carry out our environmental education mandate.

Farley the Fox: Our 2 meter high mascot that appears at a variety of events and programs. This position is great fun and best suited for people who enjoy entertaining children.

Please rank the areas in which you have an interest in being involved with. (#1 being the highest rank).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Farley the Fox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Zoo / Ask-Me Interpreter | |

Availability

Please check the times you are usually available for volunteer assignments:

- | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Please check all the items that describe your capabilities.

This will help us offer you opportunities that match you best.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Bartending | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Acting | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching - children | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching - adults | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Co-ordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood working |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interpersonal Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

Please note some skills you would like to learn or develop further.

References:

Please list two people other than relatives who would be willing to serve as personal references.

Signature

I certify that the statements in this volunteer application are true and correct, and have been given voluntarily. I understand that I will not be paid for my services. I agree to have my name submitted to a police background check. The appearance of convictions on a Criminal Record Check is not necessarily reason for declining an Applicant's offer of service. I agree to become a member of the Saskatoon Zoo Society and volunteer my services a minimum of four (4) hours per month.

Signed _____ . Date _____ .

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.