PROGRAM GUIDE

Teen Conservation Club

Teen Conservation Club is a hands-on programs for teens who want to learn more about animals and conservation while getting involved in meaningful, real-world work.

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MISSION

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MISSION

The mission of the Chattanooga Zoo is to engage, educate and inspire our community to better understand and conserve wildlife by creating meaningful connections between people and animals. With our intimate, innovative exhibits, wide-ranging educational offerings and commitment to conservation, our vision is to be a premier destination for all guests and the pride of our community

TEEN CONSERVATION CLUB

Teen Conservation Club directly supports the mission of the Chattanooga Zoo by transforming education into action. Through hands-on conservation projects in our local community, teens move beyond learning about wildlife to actively protecting it—strengthening their understanding of environmental stewardship while building meaningful, lasting connections to animals and the ecosystems they inhabit.

WELCOME



Thank you for your interest in Teen Conservation Club. In this program guide you will find information regarding applications and requirements of the club. During each semester in Teen Conservation Club students focus on a conservation project in the local community and volunteer their time at the zoo in various way. Teens may get animal handling opportunities, connections in the community, friends, and valuable experience while making a difference. After reviewing the program guide do not hesitate to reach out for more information.



QUALIFICATIONS

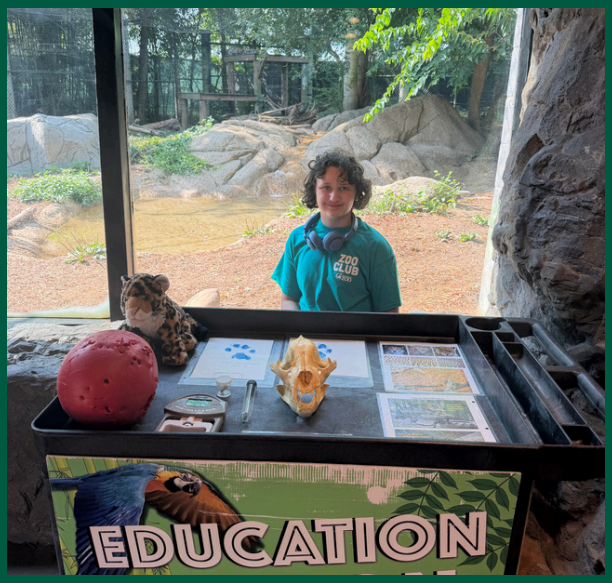
The Teen Conservation Club is designed for motivated middle and high school students who are passionate about wildlife, environmental stewardship, and making a meaningful impact in their community. While prior experience with animals or conservation is not required, applicants should demonstrate a genuine interest in learning and growing in these areas.



We are seeking students who show:
A sincere commitment to conservation and community service

- A willingness to step outside their comfort zone and take on new challenges
- Responsibility, reliability, and a strong work ethic
- The maturity to represent the Zoo positively in public settings

Because this is a merit-based and project-focused program, participants will be selected through a competitive application process







STEPS TO BECOMING A MEMBER



SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE

PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS (APPLICATION REVIEW AND/OR INTERVIEW IF APPLICABLE)

BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM



PAY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM

AGREE TO AND FOLLOW ALL ZOO POLICIES AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

SUBMIT REQUIRED WAIVERS AND MEDIA RELEASE FORMS



ATTEND ALL MEETINGS AND SCHEDULED CONSERVATION PROJECTS

COMMIT TO FULL-SEMESTER

PARTICIPATE IN TEEN CONSERVATION CLUB

WORK AT LEAST 6 VOLUNTEER HOURS AT THE ZOO DURING THE SEMESTER



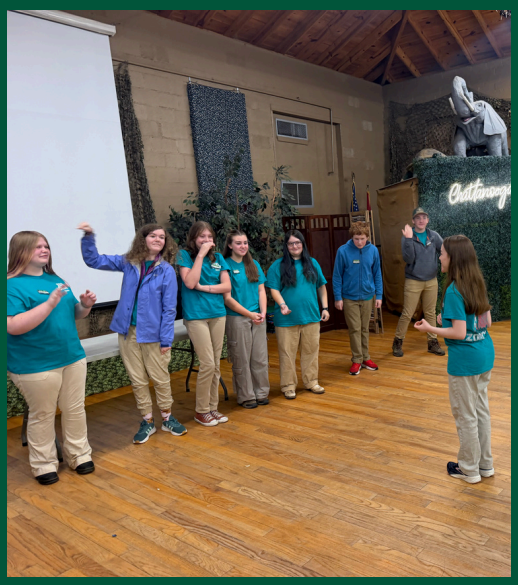
REQUIREMENTS



The Teen Conservation Club at the Chattanooga Zoo is a semester-based program offered twice each school year:

- August through December (Fall Semester) and January through May (Spring Semester).
- Each session is designed to provide students with meaningful, hands-on conservation experiences and learning opportunities that deepen their understanding of wildlife, environmental issues, and the Zoo's role in conservation.
- In return, participants are asked to make a sincere commitment to the program.
- The success of Teen Conservation Club depends on each member's reliability, active participation, and dedication to completing projects and representing the Zoo with professionalism and pride

REQUIREMENTS



ORIENTATION

Orientation is required for all clubbers. This will happen during the first meeting

VOLUNTEER HOURS

A minimum of 6 volunteer hours is required each semester. This is in addition to the monthly meetings. Hours can be split between any of the following opportunities.

- Special Events
- Education Carts
- Petting Zoo Attendant

GUIDELINES

Teen Conservation Participants agree to:

- Wear their official name tag, club shirt, and khaki pants when on or off zoo grounds during official meetings, unless otherwise noted.
- Abide by all Zoo rules and policies.
- Arrive on time for meetings and email if an emergency prevents you from attending a meeting.
- Be considerate and cooperative when dealing with other clubbers and staff.
- Maintain the confidentiality of privileged information pertaining to all areas of the Zoo.
- Follow all animal care, animal welfare, enrichment, and Zoo safety protocols.

FEES

- $135 for non-zoo members
- $120 for current zoo members.

The Zoo is a nonprofit organization; all funds received from clubbers help support our programs.



CONTACT INFORMATION

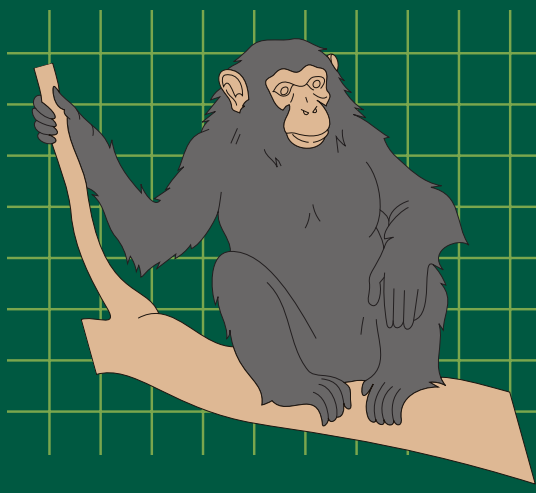
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