

Riverside Park & Ralph Mitchell Zoo
1736 N. 5th Street, Independence, KS 67301 (620) 332-2512

Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteer opportunities with the Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo. Volunteers provide valuable support and assistance to staff and play an integral role in the success of our many activities. Please fill out the following application to begin the volunteer process.

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
Emergency Contact _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience. List organizations and tasks you performed.

What Interests you about Volunteering?

Summarize why you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteering in a park and zoo involves work around dust, dirt, hay, animal dander, bird feathers, animal related items, and outdoor weather conditions. Do you have allergies or health concerns related to this type of work? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Please check area(s) of interest:

- Animal Care: i.e. cleaning exhibits and making diets, etc.
- Maintenance/Facility Repairs: i.e. cleaning buildings, hosing picnic shelters & golf course greens, picking up trash, and minor equipment repair etc.
- Gardening/Horticulture/Landscaping: i.e. watering, weeding, and mulching

Availability:

Please indicate the time and days you are available to work. Please mark time in at least two hour increments, your beginning and ending times. You can mark split days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Remember that promptness and reliability are very important.

Important Health Information

The Tuberculosis Bacteria is a health concern at Ralph Mitchell Zoo. It poses a threat to the keepers, volunteers, and the animal collection. In order to be fully accepted as a zoo volunteer, a Tuberculosis test must be administered. This service may be performed by the Montgomery County Health Department or at any certified medical facility.

All participants in the zoo volunteer program must submit proof of a negative (TB) test.

If no proof is provided the ability to work as a zoo volunteer will be delayed until such proof is submitted, Zoo volunteers must be tested every year in order to keep volunteer privileges.

Conditions

I agree to advise Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo, in writing, of any physical limitations which could affect or be affected by any volunteer activities I assume. I understand it is my responsibility to provide this information and I release the Park, Zoo and the City of Independence from any liability for injuries or illnesses which result from my failure to advise the Park and Zoo, in writing, of any such limitations.

I agree and understand that as a volunteer, the Park and Zoo are not obligated to provide me any payment or benefit for my services. I also agree to release the City of Independence, its employees and agents from any liability in the event I am injured or suffer damage as a result of my volunteer activities at the Park and Zoo. I agree not to pursue any claim or initiate any action against the Park and Zoo in the event I am injured or suffer damage as a result of the negligence of the Park and Zoo. I understand and agree that this is an express assumption of risk and this release and waiver is made on my own behalf and on behalf of heirs, executors, representatives, and assigns.

I understand that the Park and Zoo may require alcohol, drug, and substance abuse screening, and I consent to such an examination and authorize the release of the results of such an examination to the Park and Zoo.

I hereby authorize a law enforcement background check and investigation of all statements in this application and request any company, institution, or persons, including police agencies, contacted as part of this investigation to provide any and all pertinent information. To assure their cooperation I hereby release them from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing same to the Park and Zoo.

All information provided herein is true, correct, and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature (Required if applicant if less than 18 years of age.)

Date

Please send completed Volunteer Application to:
Riverside Park & Ralph Mitchell Zoo, Attn: Barb Beurskens
120 N. 6th Street, Independence, KS 67301
For questions, please contact Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director, at 620-332-2512 or
barbb@independenceks.gov

