

**FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
BRONX ZOO  
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Please print or type

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone/Pager: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member of the Friends previously? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any members of the Friends? \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Where/how did you learn about our volunteer program? \_\_\_\_\_

**SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

What is your educational background? \_\_\_\_\_

What sorts of hobbies, interests and activities do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

What language(s) do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience working with groups ? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe, including age groups you've worked with:

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Do you have any experience with public speaking? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe.

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What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any past or present volunteer experience? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe.

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Why are you interested in volunteering for our organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you feel about animals in captivity in a zoo setting? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please use the back of this page if necessary.*

**INTEREST INVENTORY**

The Friends of Wildlife Conservation educate the public who visit the Bronx Zoo. Their duties include the following activities. Please check the ones you would enjoy the most. Check as many as you like!

- Conducting scheduled tours for school children
  - Conducting scheduled tours for groups of adults
  - Conducting scheduled tours for special visitors
  - Conducting impromptu tours in diverse areas of the Zoo
  - Giving mini-talks to the public at specific exhibits
  - Assisting with specific programs with a set curriculum given by the Education Department
  - Staffing and interpreting animal related objects at biofact carts at specific locations
  - Staffing the Zoo Center Information Booth
  - Assisting other Zoo departments with specific projects involving research or office duties
  - Assisting with office functions for the Friends of Wildlife Conservation
  - Mentoring Friends' trainees
  - Mentoring youth in a Junior Zoo Guide Program
  - Activities not listed above that I'm interested in: \_\_\_\_\_
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**REFERENCES** *In addition to completing the following, please feel free to attach a resume.*

Have you ever worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom did you report? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and phone numbers of two people not related to you who know you well and can attest to your character, skill and dependability.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

There are a few things that you need to know before you decide to take the next steps in joining our volunteer organization. Our mission is to educate the public who visit the Bronx Zoo about the wildlife in the park and the need for wildlife conservation. We do not handle any of the zoo animals nor do we help care for them. In addition, we cannot offer you any assistance in getting a paid job at the Bronx Zoo. The Human Resources Department of the Wildlife Conservation Society is the department charged with processing applications for paid employment. As a volunteer you would have to relinquish your volunteer position should you secure a paid position within the Society. Similarly, volunteers are not eligible for internships within the Education Department or within other departments of the zoo.

**Requirements for Friends of Wildlife Conservation**

- Applicants to our program must be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicants must participate for a minimum of 3 months in a pre-training experience.
- Applicants must successfully complete a 12 session training program (available weekday or weekend). Each day-long session covers the basic concepts of animal habitats and adaptation, predator/prey relationships, endangered species, and wildlife conservation as well as communication skills. The equivalent of a high school education is required to successfully complete this course. Trainees will be taught by instructors of the Education Department of the Bronx Zoo. Written homework assignments requiring 3-4 hours of preparation will be required for each session.
- Upon successful completion of the training course, a minimum commitment of 2 years of service is expected, either one weekday a week or two weekend days a month, year round. Exceptions would be for vacations, illness or emergencies.

Please consider all this before submitting your application.

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I have considered all the above and would like to submit my application for membership in the Friends of Wildlife Conservation. I understand that I will be contacted to come for an interview.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to:

**Coordinator of Volunteers  
Friends of Wildlife Conservation/Bronx Zoo  
Education Department  
2300 Southern Boulevard  
Bronx, NY 10460**