

Volunteer Opportunities At The Central Park Wildlife Center

You're invited to become involved in an exciting educational adventure -- the Wildlife Conservation Society's volunteer program at the Central Park Wildlife Center. Because of our location in midtown Manhattan, we are in a unique position to bring wildlife education programs to a wide range of New Yorkers and foreign visitors. We offer activities for school groups, classes for children, families and adults, and informational mini-talks for visitors. You can help these programs succeed by becoming a Central Park Wildlife Center volunteer.

Here are just some of the interesting things you'll do as a Wildlife Guide:

- Teach school children and other visitors about animals by delivering mini-talks at selected exhibits.
- Talk to visitors about wildlife and the environment in our conservation education room, and at Facts of Wildlife, our mobile education cart
- Help our youngest visitors explore the wonders of the new Tisch Children's Zoo.
- Get involved in a variety of special events.

Have fun!

Volunteers receive their training in a special course taught by Central Park Wildlife Center staff. Upon successful completion of the training, volunteers select the day they prefer to work.

If you are 18 or older and have a genuine interest in wildlife education and would like to join us, please complete both sides of the enclosed application, and return it to me. The 11 week program begins in February 1998 each year. We'll keep your application on file and will call you later this year.

Thanks for your interest and patience.

Gloria Deucher
Coordinator of Volunteers

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please print or type all information and return to:

Coordinator of Volunteers
Education Department
Central Park Wildlife Center
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021-7095

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Business Phone (_____) _____

What Is (was) your occupation? _____

What is your educational background? _____

How did you hear about the central park wildlife center volunteer program? _____

The wildlife guide program requires a definite commitment. The following questionnaire may help you decide whether this program is the right one for you. Are you comfortable with the following:

A. Communicating with:

Children

Yes No

People with special needs

Yes No

The general public

Yes No

B. Walking around the zoo for an hour in all kinds of weather?

Yes No

C. Pushing an information cart for short distances?

Yes No

D. Learning new facts and concepts?

Yes No

E. Public speaking?

Yes No

F. Following specific written and oral directions?

Yes No

G. Will you be able to attend a training course once a week on Saturday mornings for 11 weeks from January through April?

Yes No

H. Are you willing to make the required 1 year commitment to serve as a Wildlife Guide after the training is completed?

Yes No

Why do you want to volunteer at the central park wildlife center? _____

Please list any experience or special skills that you believe would be useful (teaching, public speaking, foreign language, etc.) _____

Describe your current or former volunteer activities: _____

Have you ever worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society or been involved in a society volunteer program at the Bronx International Wildlife Park, New York Aquarium, or in the field? _____

When? _____

In what capacity? _____

To whom did you report? _____

Are you related to any WCS staff member or volunteer? _____

If yes (please specify name and department) _____

Please give names of two persons to whom we may refer for professional references.

(please include phone numbers.) _____
