

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS



Dear Prospective Adult Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the Zoo Miami Foundation Adult Volunteer program! The Zoo Miami Foundation Adult Volunteer program is an exciting way for adults to share the experience of a lifetime while providing an important service to Zoo Miami.

We seek positive, responsible, enthusiastic volunteers with an interest in learning about animals and who can effectively interact with staff members and Zoo visitors. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

### What do Zoo Miami Adult Volunteers do?

- Provide great customer service throughout the zoo
- Assist guests at the Information Booth
- Support staff at the Wacky Barn animal contact yard and Australian Aviary
- Provide animal encounters with Children's Zoo ambassador animals (animal handling training required)
- Aid the Nutrition Department with diet preparation
- Assist with special events
- Exhibit Interpretation (additional training required)
- Lead school group tours at Zoo Miami and at the Everglades National Park alongside Education staff (additional training required)

### Who can be a Zoo Miami Adult Volunteer?

Anyone is welcome to apply. Since space in the program is limited, we cannot guarantee that all applicants will be accepted.

### When can I apply?

Please fill out an online volunteer inquiry. We will contact you to attend the next upcoming volunteer recruitment session. After completion of the recruitment session, you will have the opportunity to formally apply and interview to become a volunteer.

### Volunteer Recruitment Sessions

	2017 #4	2018 #1	2018 #2	2018 #3	2018 #4
Recruitment Session	Oct 21, 2017	Jan 20, 2018	Apr 21, 2018	Jul 21, 2018	Oct 20, 2018

### **How does the application process work?**

All interested applicants must complete and application form and submit to an interview during the recruitment session and agree to a background check.

### **How much does it cost to be a Zoo Miami Adult Volunteer?**

The total fee is \$48.00 which includes:

\$35.00 background check

\$13.00 uniform shirt

This must be paid at the Volunteer Recruitment session.

### **What will be expected of me as a Zoo Miami Foundation Adult Volunteer?**

You will be expected to attend two mandatory training sessions held prior to the beginning of the start of your volunteering session. **Volunteers who do not attend the training session will not be eligible to participate in the program and may elect to defer to the next recruitment session.** You will also be expected to commit to a minimum of 60 hours a year during the fiscal year (October-September). Your hours will be prorated depending on when you start the program.

### **What are the benefits of becoming a Zoo Miami Foundation Adult Volunteer?**

You will be developing new skills and gaining an understanding of how a world-class zoo functions. In addition, all volunteers who are in good standing and complete the minimum of 60 hours a year are eligible for a free annual dual membership, attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, behind-the-scenes opportunities, and much more. The best part of volunteering will be the opportunity to meet new people who share your interests in wildlife and conservation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [volunteer@zoomiami.org](mailto:volunteer@zoomiami.org) or [305-255-5551](tel:305-255-5551).