

LVZoo Docent Volunteer

Overview:

Docents play an integral part of our volunteer program at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Docents are specially trained volunteers who give educational talks, act as guides, assist in interactive exhibits, and are stationed throughout the zoo to provide information to guests about the zoo and our animal collection. A background in and passion for educating others about animals, conservation, and our zoo is a must!

Basic Duties:

Educating and interacting with our guests by exhibit hosting, running conservation stations, sharing bio-facts, and assisting guests inside of the zoo. Volunteering as a Docent involves walking throughout the zoo grounds, standing for long periods of time, working outdoors in various types of weather conditions, and other physical tasks appropriate to the event or activity. This position involves a high degree of guest interaction and you must be comfortable speaking to small and large groups of people.

Docent positions are long-term positions that are limited in availability and may not be a good fit for all potential volunteers.

Restrictions/Requirements:

- Must be at least 16 years old
- A minimum commitment of one year of service equaling at least 70 hours is expected

- Complete application and background check process if 18 years or older and not currently enrolled in a higher education degree program
- Showing careful attention to detail, ability to follow directions, and being an excellent role model for other volunteers and guests

Time Requirements:

Minimum of one day per week requirement, especially during Spring/Summer season starting April through August.

Training:

Must complete orientation and participate in initial and ongoing training.

Uniform:

- Docent shirt and name tag

Supervisor

- Katie Lerch, Volunteer and Event Coordinator
- Zoo Ambassador on Duty