

2023 Little Rock Zoo Teen Program Details & FAQs

Who can participate in the Teen Program?

Teens must be 13 years of age before May 1 of each program year.

What does a participant in the Teen Program do?

Teens assist education staff in the following areas:

- Guest Engagement
- Exhibit Interpretation
- Biofact Interpretation
- Zoofari Camp Activities and Assessments
- Awareness Days and Conservation Events
- On-site Programs (story times, pop-up play, etc.)

When does participation in the Teen Program occur?

Teens must complete 150 hours of participation within the program year. We provide multiple opportunities to fulfill these requirements. The seasonal requirements are as follows:

- 3 hours of Orientation
- 6 hours of Training
- 120 Summer Hours (June and July) – That's just one 3-week session!
- 15 Fall Hours (August-December) – That's just 3 hours per month!
- 15 Spring Hours (January-May) – That's just 3 hours per month!

Where do Teen Program activities occur?

All Teen Program activities and participation occurs at the Little Rock Zoo. Teens will be provided an ID badge for gate entry and on-site supervision during their program hours.

Why participate in the Teen Program?

Teens receive the following perks during their participation in the program:

- Free admission to the Little Rock Zoo for themselves
- One free guest admission included with teen admission
- Discounts on concessions
- Build a network of friends, mentors, and future references
- Learn about and engage in conservation efforts locally and globally

How does someone participate in the Teen Program?

1. Click [here](#) to submit your application and attach a brief (up to two pages) essay response to one of the following prompts:
 - a. What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Teen Program of the Little Rock Zoo?
 - b. How can your participation in the Teen Program at the Little Rock Zoo assist in your goals for the future?
2. Choose an adult (not related to you) to complete a recommendation letter.
3. If chosen as a candidate, attend an interview in April.
4. If chosen for participation in the Teen Program, attend required Orientation in April.
5. Submit \$80 for program participation.
6. Complete 6 hours of Teen Program Training.
7. Complete one 3-week session of summer modules.

FAQs

[“I work full time and need to drop my teen off early, what are my options?”](#)

No Teen is allowed on grounds before 9 AM or after 4 PM unless previously arranged with the Education Staff and approved.

[“I want to come and walk around the zoo while my teen is working. Is that okay?”](#)

Yes, your teen is granted 1 free admission as they enter the zoo. However, any additional guests must utilize a zoo membership or purchase admission at the front gate.

[“My family wants to take a vacation during the summer. Can my teen still participate?”](#)

Absolutely! We encourage it! We provide lots of opportunities to fulfill the program requirements and can accommodate teen schedules.

[“Will my teen be working with animals?”](#)

No, Teens will not be working directly with zoo animals.

[“How much does it cost for my teen to participate in the program?”](#)

Teen Program participants pay \$80 to cover the cost of 2 program shirts, a name badge, and other program materials. Teens should also be mindful of what they need to bring or buy during their shift. For instance, bringing or purchasing a lunch each day of camp.