



COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) APPLICATION

Deadline: April 20, 2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Nickname (for name tag) _____

Street Address _____ Apt. # _____ E-mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Are you at least 15 years old? Yes / No T-Shirt Size (circle one) Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

Must be at least 15 years old to apply.

Have you volunteered with Riverbanks Zoo and Garden before? Yes / No If Yes, Where and When? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

1. Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____ (other #) _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____ (other #) _____

EDUCATION

Name of High School _____ Location of High School _____

What grade are you currently enrolled in? _____ What subject do you like best in school? _____

Please list your extra-curricular activities _____

Please list a few of your interests or hobbies outside of school _____

Please list any awards or accomplishments _____

AVAILABILITY

You are required to attend Training Orientation, Saturday, May 19 9:00-4:00pm **and** also be available for one full 5 week session of camp from 8:15am-3:15pm. Every Thursday, CIT's will be required to stay until 3:45 pm for staff meeting and team building. Please check which session that you're available to volunteer as a CIT. If you can work both sessions, please check both. We will also have Extended Stay & Play from 3-5pm during Camp and would love to have you help with that.

- Training Orientation: May 19, 2012
- Session 1: June 4-July 6, 2012 with July 4th off
- Session 2: July 09-August 16, 2012
- Extended Stay & Play

VOLUNTEER QUESTIONS

Please attach an additional sheet for question 1.

1. Please write a paragraph to answer the following question, "I would be an excellent asset to Riverbanks Zoo & Garden Camp Staff because....."
2. Is your family a Riverbanks Society Member? Yes / No
3. Did you attend summer camp at Riverbanks? Yes / No If yes, what year(s) did you attend? ___
4. Have you attended any type of summer camp in the past? Yes / No If Yes, please describe the camp.

REFERENCES

Please submit 2 references that are not a parent or relative.

1. Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

What is your affiliation with this reference? _____

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Counselor-In-Training is a non-paid position (volunteer) with Riverbanks Zoo & Garden.

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

To insure that the level of Riverbanks operation with regard to public service, animal health care and internal operation will be of the highest order possible, I hereby agree to faithfully meet my volunteer obligations. In the event that personal conflicts prevent me from meeting my obligations, I will notify the Volunteer Coordinator as far in advance as possible.

I understand that the quality of the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden depends on the quality of its employees and its volunteers. I also understand that this quality is maintained through a system of performance evaluations. I agree to participate and cooperate with this evaluation system and to abide by the decisions of the Volunteer Coordinator with regard to the continuation of my service to Riverbanks.

VOLUNTEER WAIVER

In consideration of the acceptance of my request to serve as a volunteer with Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and assigns, waive, release and forever discharge the Riverbanks Park Commission and the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden and their respective Commissioners, officers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (herein after referred to as "Releases") from any and all loss, liability, rights, claims and damages to person or property, whether or not such injury, loss or damage is caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the "Releases" which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against them, or any of them, from my said association with, or participation in and/or arising out of my traveling to, or returning from my volunteer activities with the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

I understand that a zoo contains wild animals and an effort is made so that they may live in a natural habitat. As a volunteer for Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, I recognize the fact that I assume risks when working with such wild animals.

I agree and consent to serve as a volunteer with Riverbanks Zoo and Garden and further agree that I am not to be regarded as an employee of the Riverbanks Park Commission or entitled to any benefits or status of employment.

I certify that the statements on this volunteer application are true and accurate. I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please return application to: Christie Vondrak, Volunteer Manager
Riverbanks Zoo & Garden
P.O. Box 1060, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

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