



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____ E-Mail Address _____
 Street Address _____ Apartment # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____
 Is it ok to call you at work? Yes / No

The minimum age requirement to volunteer with Riverbanks is age 16 (age 18 for mammal department).

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS (Please check one) Full-time Part-time Retired Other _____

If you are employed, please list your current employer below:

Company Name _____ Title _____
 Brief Job Description _____

EDUCATION

Please list the highest level of education reached and any skills or additional training: _____

Are you currently a student? Yes No If yes, please list where and location _____

What is your major area of study? _____ Are you interested in a non-paid internship? Yes No

AREA OF INTEREST

Please check area(s) you are interested in below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Education Department</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Animal Care</u> (must be 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture (Tues and/or Thus 8:30-12:00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Docent* | <input type="checkbox"/> Birds | <input type="checkbox"/> Pony Ride (must be 18) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Caretaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorikeet Aviary (must be 18) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquarium/Diving | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor-In-Training (CIT)** | | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ |

*10 week training program required

**CIT for high school students age 15 and up

AVAILABILITY

Please check the time of day and months you are available to volunteer each week.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon

MONTHS AVAILABLE

January February March April May June
 July August September October November December

VOLUNTEER QUESTIONS (Please attach an additional sheet if needed)

1. Why are you interested in volunteering at Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden?
2. Do you have previous zoo or garden experience? Yes / No If yes, please list the location, a description of your experience and the dates of volunteering or employment.
3. Do you have any special talents or interests that would be helpful as a volunteer? For example, sewing, construction, master gardener, etc.
4. Are you a Riverbanks Society Member? Yes / No
5. Are you able to commit to volunteering one day per week for a minimum of 2 hours? Yes / No
6. Are you able to commit to volunteering for a minimum of six months? Yes / No
7. How did you hear about our volunteer program? *Riverbanks Magazine* Web Page
 Co-worker Friend Volunteer Staff Other

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 Zoological Zoo Park and Botanical 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(required for volunteers under 18)

Please return application to: Volunteer Coordinator, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
P.O. Box 1060, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

803-779-8717 ext 1108 ● 803-253-6381 fax ● volunteers@riverbanks.org ● www.riverbanks.org

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