

Grade Levels: 7-12

Time: 45 Minutes



Career Connections

Goal: To explore the many diverse careers and volunteer opportunities which are available in zoos through discussion, inquiry, and animal interaction.

Objectives:

- Students will discover the variety of career opportunities available in zoos.
- Students will know which college degrees are best suited for the various zoo careers.
- Students will gain appreciation for experiences needed to develop a college and/or career resume.
- Students will understand the need to show long-term commitment regarding career and activity experience.

PLANNING YOUR RESERVATION

°Fall and spring fill quickly
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

°Groups must register
2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

°Programs require a
MINIMUM OF 15 PEOPLE

°Programs are available
ON AND OFF-SITE

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

What does it take to work at a Zoo? How can you start now to prepare for College Admittance or the Career of your dreams?

Curriculum Alignment:

SP.PK12.US.3.3b, SP.PK12.VI.3.3, WL.K12.IH.3.4, SS.912.FL.1.1, CTE-AATC.68.AV.01.02, CTE-AATC.68.AV.01.05, CTE-AATC.68.GENRL.01.05, CTE-AC.68.CONSTR.01.05; CTE-AC.68.CONSTR.01.02, CTE-AC.68.CONSTR.01.03, CTE-AC.68.DESIGN.01.05, CTE-AC.68.GENRL.01.02, CTE-AFNR.68.ENVIRO.01.02, CTE-AFNR.68.ENVIRO.01.05, CTE-MFG.68.HSEA.01.02, CTE-AFNR.68.ANIMAL.01.02,

Where education and conservation collide!

This program, presented by Brevard Zoo Education staff, is an enhanced experience describing the many opportunities for careers and employment at Brevard Zoo. The students will delve into the importance of long-term commitments to build a resume for either a career or college application. Students will explore the many facets of what it takes to care for animals and the importance of providing educational experiences for guests. Through a behind the scene tour, discussions, questions and hands-on animal encounters, students will understand what it takes to work in the Zoo field. The program is designed to supplement career investigation requirements.

Keywords:

Resume, Career, Finance, Marketing, Events Planning, Conservation, Maintenance, Landscaping, Vet-Tech, Veterinarian Biology, Zoology, Psychology, Horticulturalist, Habitat

What type of careers are available at zoos?

Animal Care isn't the only option available for working in a zoo. There are many diverse opportunities for career paths that reach nearly every field.

Animal care is the first thing that comes to mind when discussing zoo careers. Animal Keepers require education in areas of zoology, biology, and psychology with specialized education in working with animals including hands-on components.

Veterinarians and Vet-Techs also work closely with the care of animals in zoos, ensuring health and welfare. Animals that fall ill need these dedicated individuals to help them recover. Vets must have education from accredited veterinarian programs and maintain certifications. They must have experience working with a wide range of animals, from the smallest invertebrates to the largest mammals. Vet Techs provide assistance to Vets in many procedures and, also provide support for collecting of samples for diagnosis.

Other zoo careers include education personnel that teach students and guests about animals and promote the conservation messages of zoos. Conservation personnel work with the community to promote the conservation message as they work side by side with volunteers on local conservation projects. Commissary personnel prepare food for the animals to maximize health and well-being. Event Coordinators help coordinate special zoo events, such as fundraisers and weddings. Marketing personnel and managers promote zoos, through television, social media, news releases, posters and pamphlets. Exhibit Designers create the habitats that provide natural living spaces for animals. Maintenance provides continuing care for all zoo property. Horticulturists design and care for the landscaping around zoos and First Impressions personnel provide excellent customer service for guests.

An emphasis of volunteer work at the Zoo, is stressed during this program. There are many Volunteer opportunities here at Brevard Zoo. These opportunities can help students begin building their college and career resumes. There are countless opportunities for a wide range of interests in zoo careers!

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