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## **Zoo Teen Applications Now Open for 2023**

MELBOURNE, Fla., August 30, 2022 — Brevard County teens ages 13-16 are invited to apply for Brevard Zoo's Zoo Teen program for 2023. Participants volunteer at the Zoo once a month on an assigned Saturday or Sunday and have the opportunity to connect to guests through mission-based activities, assist in certain areas of the Zoo, take part in special events, build important career skills and connect with like-minded teens.

Once accepted into the program, Zoo Teens must commit to one year of service, complete a training program and pass a final exam among other requirements.

"Our Zoo Teen program gives teens the opportunity to meet new friends, gain work experience, learn valuable skills and earn volunteer hours," said Jen Katona, the Zoo Teen Coordinator at Brevard Zoo. "This really is an amazing opportunity for teenagers who are interested in animals, conservation and the environment."

Applicants must be at least 13 years old by January 1, 2023. Fully completed applications are due by 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 9. Learn more and apply at <a href="https://brevardzoo.org/volunteer-programs/zoo-teen-programs/">https://brevardzoo.org/volunteer-programs/zoo-teen-programs/</a>.

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at <a href="https://www.brevardzoo.org">www.brevardzoo.org</a>.

Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at <a href="https://www.treetoptrek.com">www.treetoptrek.com</a>.

The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at <a href="https://www.theaquariumproject.org">www.theaquariumproject.org</a>.