



Zoo Teen Recommendation Form

To the Reference/Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation form for a teen who is interested in the Jackson Zoo's Zoo Teen Program. We are looking for responsible, outgoing, and motivated teens to volunteer their time and talent to our program. As a Zoo Teen, this teen will be asked to educate the public about animals and conservation and work behind the scenes in animal care.

You can return this form by mail to 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39209 or email a copy to education@jacksonzoo.org.

Thank you for your time and your support. Sincerely, the Jackson Zoo Education Department

Name of Teen Applicant: _____
How long have you known the applicant? _____
In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____
How well do you know the applicant? ___ Little ___ Some ___ Well ___ Very Well

Please rank the applicant's skills using the following scale

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Can't Say
Dependability					
Punctuality					
Demonstrates a passion about animals					
Ability to work & communicate with children					
Ability to work & communicate with peers					
Ability to work & communicate with adults					
Ability to work independently					
Ability to accept constructive feedback					
Ability to follow instructions					
Ability to work collaboratively					
Self-awareness and maturity					

1. Why would this teen be successful in this program?
2. What do you think might be challenging for this teen is accepted into the program?
3. Scenario- During a shift, the teen is helping to prepare a porcupine diet. The teen knows that porcupines are allergic to green apples. The teen gives the bowl of food they prepared to a keeper and then leaves as it is the end of their shift. As they are walking out, they notice green apple peels in the trash from the day and are not sure if the green apple was placed among the other foods they had in the porcupine food bowl.

What do you think the teen would do? How would they react based on your experience?

Now, here's your chance! Please let us know why you think our staff needs to meet this teen and have them join us this summer. Any additional comments that might provide insight into the unique nature of this applicant are much appreciated. Thank you!

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information, visit jacksonzoo.org/support/volunteer/zooteen, call 601-352-2580 ext 240, or email education@jacksonzoo.org