Teen Wild Guide
Program Application

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Please turn in together:
This Application completed in full
One 500-800 word essay
Two letters of recommendation from adults other than a relative

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name_________________________ Age_________ Gender pref._________
School Name_________________________ Grade you are in now:
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)______________ 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th
Mailing Address_________________________ Phone Numbers:
City, state & zip_________________________ Home:_________________________
E-mail Address_________________________ Work:_________________________
Cell Phones:_________________________

ESSAY

On a separate page, please answer the following questions in one 500-800 word essay:
1. Why do you want to be a Teen Wild Guide at the Oakland Zoo's Valley Children's Zoo?
2. What do you wish to gain from your experience as a Teen Wild Guide?
3. Why would you be an excellent Teen Wild Guide?

Can you commit to volunteering one shift/week (summer session) or two shifts/month (school year session)?
Yes____ No____ If no, please explain________________________________________

Will you have reliable transportation to/from the zoo? Yes _______ No________
If no, please explain:
Activities Interests & Hobbies

At school:

Away from School:

How long do you see yourself participating in the TWG program? Long-term or short-term?

Please describe any previous experience you have had as a volunteer.

By applying for a position as a Teen Wild Guide and being accepted into the program, I understand that I am/my teen is:

1. Being asked to interview with a representative of the program to answer my questions and be asked questions, after which I may or may not be accepted into the program. I can also decide at that time that I do not want to participate in the program.
2. Required to pay a non-refundable $80 fee if I am accepted into the program ($60 if I am a Zoo Member).
3. Expected to complete all required training.
4. Expected to volunteer a minimum of one full-day shift/week for the summer session, or two full-day shifts/month for the school year session.
5. Expected to have a current TB test completed and provide proof of clearance before beginning to volunteer.

Teen Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________