## **ZOO RESPONDER VOLUNTEER POSITION**



Micke Grove Zoo is currently accepting volunteer applications for Zoo Responder Volunteer (ZRV) positions. The Zoo Responder Volunteers (ZRVs) will be trained by the Zoo Curator and will volunteer alongside Animal Care Specialists helping them in times of need.

- Assist in maintaining vegetation in and around animal habitats
- Organize, maintain, and clean up animal supplies such as enrichment, nets, animal carriers, and food bowls
- Trained to observe behavior of animal residents
- Documenting unique behaviors and changes in animal behavioral patterns for zoo staff

CRVs will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Work side by side with the Zoo Curator and Animal Care staff during training sessions
- Learn about the natural history and animal husbandry of the animal collection
- Learn more about animal behavior and welfare and factors that influence the display of natural behaviors
- Gain a better understanding about animal plant interactions

Volunteer Applicants must have:

- A strong commitment to advancing the zoo's goals in supporting animal conservation, education, and welfare.
- A positive demeanor
- The ability to be focused and detail-oriented
- A positive work ethic
- The ability to work in a group or individually

Volunteer Applicants Must be:

- At least 18 years or older
- Able to work outdoors in hot or cold weather
- Available to volunteer at least one 4-hour shift per week for a minimum of 6 months. Two shifts (8:30 A.M to 12:30 P.M. and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.) are available. In exceptional circumstances, other shifts can be made available.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the Zoo Curator by email

(amallapur@sjgov.org).