

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Zoo Crew Reference Form

To The Reference:

This student is applying to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's teen program – Zoo Crew. The students we select for this program must have a sincere interest in wildlife, the maturity to work independently and make a weekly commitment during the summer.

We appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Please complete **both sides** of this form. Thank you for your valuable time. This program is very important to the Zoo and to the students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoo's Education Division at (216) 661-6500 x4031.

To the Student:

Please give one copy to a science teacher (current or *recent* past) and one copy to an adult who knows you well but is **not** a family member. For homeschooled students, the parent/guardian who provides instruction, may complete *one* of the reference forms.

Please be sure to give these forms out at least two weeks before the application deadline. If the form is returned to you in a sealed envelope, please do not open it.

No applications will be considered unless an application and two completed reference forms are returned to the Zoo by 4 p.m. on March 1, 2024.

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Reference's Name: _____

1. How long have you known this student? _____

2. In what capacity have you known this student? _____

3. Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities, experiences, etc. of this applicant that would be helpful for us to know about? _____

4. How would you describe this student's relationship with their peers? _____

5. How would you describe this student's relationship with adults? _____

Please evaluate the student:

Scale: 1= outstanding 2=very good 3=average 4=below average U=unknown

ORAL COMMUNICATION	_____
ABILITY TO ANALYZE A PROBLEM	_____
CURIOSITY	_____
CREATIVITY	_____
DEPENDABILITY	_____
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY	_____
SELF MOTIVATION	_____
ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY	_____
REACTION TO CRITICISM	_____
REGARD FOR AUTHORITY	_____
COOPERATION WITH PEERS	_____
ADAPTABILITY	_____
SENSITIVITY TO OTHERS' FEELINGS	_____
ABILITY TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS	_____
PERSEVERANCE	_____

I would recommend this student to the **Zoo Crew** program:

- with enthusiasm
- with reservation* (please explain below) do not recommend *(please explain below)

Additional Comments: _____

Signature _____

Phone _____ May we contact you if necessary? _____

E-mail _____

**IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN
CONFIDENTIAL, PLEASE
RETURN THIS FORM TO THE
STUDENT IN A SEALED
ENVELOPE, WITH YOUR
SIGNATURE OVER THE SEAL.**

**Return reference forms to:
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - Zoo Crew Program, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 or
fax to 216-661-3312 (Attention: Zoo Crew Program).**

Deadline to submit references and application: 4 p.m. on MARCH 1, 2024