



NIABI ZOO

JUNIOR ZOO KEEPER

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ Phone _____

State _____ Zip _____ School _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

**Communication will be primarily conducted via email directly with the teen applicant*

Member of the Niabi Zoological Society? _____ (You or someone in your family)

Parent's/Guardian's names _____

How did you learn about the JZK Program? _____

Do you have any physical or mental conditions that the zoo staff should be aware of? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a violation of a federal, state, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? Do not include misdemeanors or traffic violations. If yes, please explain: _____

In Case of Emergency, Please Notify

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

LIABILITY RELEASE In consideration of being permitted to be a Niabi Zoo Volunteer and participate in functions, activities, projects and work as a Volunteer, I do hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS the Niabi Zoo, the Niabi Zoo Society, the City of Rock Island, Illinois and all their employees, officers, agents, boards, and commissions from any liability, claims, damages or demands for personal injury or property damage that may be incurred by the undersigned while acting as a Niabi Zoo Volunteer.

AUTHORIZATION I certify that the above information is true and correct and give authorization for investigation of all statements and information contained in this application, my resume, and other documents or verbally obtained during an interview I voluntarily consent to allow Niabi Zoo or any of its representatives or agents to check my references by contacting any persons, company or governmental entity they deem to be an appropriate reference. I understand these questions may pertain to my personal or educational background, work experience, character and behavior. I understand my work as a volunteer is subject to satisfactory verifications of this information and agree that deliberate falsification of this document or significant omissions shall be grounds for dismissal, if discovered at a later date. I pledge, if appointed as a volunteer to comply with the guidelines of conduct and company policies and procedures of the Niabi Zoo.

PHOTO RELEASE I hereby certify that I, or my agent, have every right to contract in my own name, and I hereby give and irrevocable grant to the Niabi Zoo free and unlimited right and permission to use, sell, distribute, publish and republish, televise or broadcast, and to copyright, for any and all news, trade, publicity and commercial or other advertising purposes, slides, photographs, pictures, movies, audio or videotapes and photographic prints of me and/or recordings of my voice, and any with such additions, alterations, editing or changes therein as Niabi Zoo and may in their discretion of any of them, make or authorize, and to sell, use, distribute, broadcast, publish and republish, and/or rebroadcast the same, either separately or together with my name or a fictitious name, my address, title and affiliation. I also certify that I am familiar with the products and/or endorse such products and/or services

STATEMENT OF NON DISCRIMINATION The Niabi Zoo provides programs that are accessible to the public without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religious, or political affiliations, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran.

COMMITMENT

In signing this application, the student and his/her parent(s) agree to a commitment of 50 volunteer hours between the completion of training and the end of August. The student also understands that acceptance into the program requires attendance at the training in early summer. Applicants who cannot attend the training will not be considered.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent(s) _____

HOW TO APPLY:

This application and accompanying materials should be submitted to the Niabi Zoo Curator of Education by April 15th. Include:

- Application with contact information and signature
- 100 word essay on the topic: Why I Would Like to be a Junior Zoo Keeper. (Essay can be typewritten or handwritten legibly.)
- Letter of reference from teacher or non-family member who is familiar with applicant

Applications can be emailed to LSnyder@niabizoo.com or mailed to 12908 Niabi Zoo Road Coal Valley, IL 61240

If you would like to learn more about the program before applying there is an optional Information Session at Niabi Zoo on Tuesday March 21st at 5:30pm, RSVP by March 10th.

INTERVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Selected applicants will be called for group interviews on one of the following dates. Please mark preference (1, 2, 3 or not available):

- ___ Tuesday April 18th 5:30pm – 6:15pm
- ___ Friday April 21st 5:30pm – 6:15pm
- ___ Saturday April 22nd 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Acceptance into the program will be announced via email Monday April 24th.

Once accepted into the program, all first year program participants will be required to attend training sessions on ALL THREE of the following dates: Saturday April 29th 9am to 3pm, Saturday May 13th 9am to 3pm, and Saturday June 3rd 9am to 3pm. Preference will be given to applicants who can attend all three sessions, however excused absences for one day of training may be considered.

The fee for this program is \$50 for Niabi Zoological Society Members and \$60 for non-members and is on the first day of training.
