

Summary

Zoo Docents provide programs to school groups, youth groups and members of the public. Most programs are on-site at the zoo. Some outreach programs are off-site at various locations throughout Orange County.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide guided zoo tours to groups (schools, scouts, homeschool, etc.).
- Provide programs and interpretive talks to varying groups of all ages and abilities.
- Interact with public visitors while handling small animals (snakes, lizards, invertebrates, small mammals, and birds).
- Operate "Discovery Cart."
- Conduct "Story Time" programs.
- Assist zoo staff with youth programs.
- Help with petting zoo when needed.

Eligibility

- Complete all requirements as an OC Parks Volunteer.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Serve at least 100 hours per year.
- Be comfortable in front of groups of people.

Training Path

1. Complete OC Parks Volunteer training program.
 - a. Program Orientation Training
 - b. Background check
 - c. CPR and First Aid Certification
 - d. Complete site-specific training to receive park certification.
 - e. Receive OC Parks Volunteer uniform.
2. Complete OC Zoo Docent training.

Typical Schedule

- Weekdays, Tuesday-Friday (subject to change) 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Guided tours, Story Time, toddler, preschool programs and animal handling
- Saturdays (subject to change) 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Discovery cart, Story Time, toddler, preschool programs and animal handling