



Ellen Trout Zoo's Jr. Zookeeper is a competitive program designed to provide students going into the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades an opportunity to explore a career path as a zookeeper. If selected, students may participate in the program for a maximum of two years.

This program accepts **ONLY** ten students per session:

Session 1: JUNE 13-17, 20-24, 2022 from 8:30 am - 12 noon, each weekday

Session 2: JULY 11-15, 18-22, 2022 from 8:30 am - 12 noon, each weekday

Participants will be able to work in two of the five animal care sections at the zoo to assist zoo staff with daily animal care of the animals and habitats. The five animal care sections and animals in that section are:

<p><b>Mammals South:</b> Hippos, Malayan Tapirs, White-tail deer, Bay duikers, West African crowned cranes, African Aviary, South American aviary, Bennett's wallabies, Emus, African tortoises, Bald eagles and the waterfowl pool</p>	<p><b>Herps:</b> (reptiles &amp; amphibians dept.) all of the Small Animal Building animals (snakes, lizards, amphibians, bats), American Alligators, Galapagos tortoises, Komodo Dragons, Siamese and Nile crocodiles and large Asian pythons</p>
<p><b>Asia/Primates:</b> Cotton- top tamarins, DeBrazza's monkeys, Black and white ruffed lemurs, White-faced saki monkey, a variety of parrot species, Toco toucan, Chilean flamingos, Clouded leopards, Blackbuck, Asian Aviary, African crested porcupines, Raccoon, Chinese alligators and Tawny frogmouths</p>	<p><b>Mammals North:</b> African Lions, Malayan Tiger, Jaguars, Southern White Rhinos, Maasai Giraffes, Bobcat, Bontebok, Abyssinian Ground hornbill, Egyptian geese, Linnes' two-toed sloths, Cotton-top tamarins, North American river otter, several raptor species, and Jamaican fruit bats</p>
<p><b>Education (Ambassador Animals):</b> Virginia opossum, Eastern screech owl, Domestic rabbit. 2 species of snakes, Broad-nosed caimans, Pancake tortoise, Common snapping turtle, and 2 species of amphibians. Jr. Zookeepers in this section will also assist with Zoo Safari summer camp.</p>	

**Deadlines and requirements to apply**

Due **March 18th, 2022** by 5:00 pm:

- Completed application
- A full one-page essay written by the applicant describing why they would make the best candidate for the Junior Zookeeper program, including any relevant skills and experience
- Email address for teacher recommendation

Applicants with all appropriate materials submitted by the deadlines, will be contacted via email for an interview on Friday, April 8th or Saturday, April 9th, 2022.

Application and essay may be hand delivered or mailed to Ellen Trout Zoo 402 Zoo Circle, Lufkin, Texas 75904, faxed to 936-633-0311 or emailed to Taylor Burley Galaviz at [tburley@ellentroutzoo.com](mailto:tburley@ellentroutzoo.com) .

Class fee for this program is \$85.00 for the two weeks and will be due **AFTER** the students are selected.



## Jr. Zookeeper Application

Students must be 12 years old at the start of their session to participate in this program.

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Please do not send fees with the application. They will be due AFTER students are selected.

This portion of the application is to be filled out by a parent/ guardian:

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher recommendation email: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Anything else we need to know: \_\_\_\_\_

This portion of the application is to be filled out by the Jr. Zookeeper Applicant:

Circle the session you are interested in:

JUNE 13-17, 20-24      OR      JULY 11-15, 18-22      OR      Either session

Animal care section choices: Number 1 - 5, with 1 being first choice.

Please see the information page for details of animals in each section.

\_\_\_\_ Mammals South    \_\_\_\_ Herps    \_\_\_\_ Education    \_\_\_\_ Mammals North    \_\_\_\_ Asia/Primates

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**Jr. Zookeeper 2023: Only digital application materials will be accepted**