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Zoo to host volunteer meetings

ABILENE, Texas -- The Abilene Zoo is looking for nature-lovers with time and talents to share. People interested in volunteering at the zoo can attend informational meetings Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. or Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the zoo's administrative building.

"Zoo volunteers have fun, get a peek behind the scenes and are an essential value to our staff and guests," said Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Kim Baker. "People don't have to attend a meeting to volunteer, but it is a good way to learn about our programs."

Volunteers are needed to help with education, administration, animal and plant care.

Opportunities include serving as a zoo guest ambassador, teaching guests about the zoo's animal collection and assisting guests when they have animal questions. Volunteers also can help zoo keepers with animal care and animal enrichment activities. Administrative volunteers help with special events, the zoo's membership programs or fund-raising.

For the more science-minded, the education department needs volunteers to help with small animal care, as well as with materials and research, such as the cataloging of supplies and educational programming materials.

The horticulture and maintenance departments also are very active and in need of helpers for routine and preventative maintenance of the gardens and facilities.

Further information and applications are available in the zoo gift shop or online at www.abilenezoo.org. For more information, contact Membership Coordinator Kim Baker at 325-676-6451 or email Abilene.zoo@abilenetx.com.

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About the Abilene Zoo: The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 1000 animals of 250 different species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$35. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085.

Mission Statement: The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.