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Zoo looking for volunteers

The Abilene Zoo is looking for animal lovers to volunteer in many capacities.

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

Some education department volunteers may learn how to handle and present animals at zoo events. Other opportunities include serving as a zoo guest ambassador, teaching guests about the zoo's animal collection and assisting guests when they have questions.

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

For those interested in volunteering for the education department, informational meetings will be presented Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m. Come to the Abilene Zoo's administration building to attend.

Volunteer applications for all departments can be found at www.abilenezoo.org.

For more information, contact Education Curator Joy Harsh at 325-676-6487 or email her at joy.harsh@abilenetx.com.

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The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 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 \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.

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.