

## What are the requirements?

- Students must be **at least** 13 years old and in the 8th grade, but not older than 17 years of age.
- Students must be highly motivated and reliable.
- Applicants must show exceptional academic performance such as:
  - Have at least a 2.5 GPA
  - Active volunteer in the school or community.
  - Member of the National Honor Society or Student Council OR be in a leadership role.
- Attend a pre-participation training (at their expense) conducted by Pine Grove Zoo with a parent or guardian.
- Complete an application and submit a letter of reference from a teacher or other educator.
- Be interviewed by Pine Grove Zoo staff.



For more information or to obtain an application,  
contact Pine Grove Zoo at:  
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**Pine Grove Zoo is excited to present our new “Zoo Crew” Program.**

The heart of Pine Grove Zoo has always been providing a place for people to relax and enjoy time with their families, a way to escape from the stress of daily life and connect back to nature.

However, the soul of Pine Grove Zoo is conservation, education, and inspiring compassion for wildlife. We foster curiosity in animals and science, as well as a sense of respect and wonder for nature through each awe-inspiring program and the unique activities that we offer. Our new Zoo Crew Apprentice Program is just one of these memorable opportunities for ages those ages 13-17.

**This is a much anticipated program and will be very competitive as there is a limited number of participants that will be accepted into the program.**

### ***What's is the Zoo Crew Apprentice Program?***

Have you ever wondered what it's like to work at the Zoo? Do you have an interest in Animal Science, Biology, or Education? Do you want to spend time this year hanging out at Pine Grove Zoo? Then Zoo Crew is for you! Students entering 8th grade through 12th grade will gain important life and job skills through one of Pine Grove Zoo's most unique programs.

### ***Zoo Crew Participants will:***

- Help prepare diets and maintain animal habitats for Pine Grove Zoo's animal family—both big and small.
- Learn about animals up close with professionals at Pine Grove Zoo.
- Must be available 1-3 (4 hour) shifts per week during the months of April to October, which may include weekends, evenings or special events.
- Must be available 1-2 Saturdays a month, for a minimum of 4 hours each shift during the months of June, July and August.
- Must help with Pine Grove Zoo's annual BooFest Fundraising Event on October 19, 2024.