

A general outline of standard shifts



Junior ZooCrew are required to work two scheduled shifts each week. There are three standard shifts each day -- morning, midday, and late afternoon. The last shift will usually end at 6pm. One Friday of each month, there will be an additional 2 hour assigned evening shift from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

MORNING (8:00 - 11:30 am*)

1. **Meet at the main zoo office at 8:00 am.**
2. Enter/sign in at the Gift Shop.
3. Report to the Children's Zoo for assignment of your duties
 - a. Clean contact yard and barns
 - b. Clean hoofstock barn and yards
 - c. Help with feeding of all petting zoo animals
 - d. Prepare pig diet and feed
 - e. Clean pig barn and yard
 - f. Clean chicken coop
 - g. Fill contact yard feeder and prepare for public
4. Assist staff with preparing for daily 9:00 am zoo opening
 - a. Monitor contact yard and brush all goats and sheep
 - b. Clean walkways
 - c. Water and weed plants and flower beds as necessary
 - d. Halter, groom and fly spray llama, alpaca or donkeys
 - e. Spot clean animals' yards
5. Assist staff in public contact areas. Contact yard opens at 10 am
6. One fifteen-minute break
7. On holidays and Saturdays only, the first "Animal Encounter" show is at 11am
8. Sign out and leave at 11:30 pm

*** Returning JZC volunteers may be scheduled 8:30 to noon instead ***

MIDDAY (11:30 am – 3 pm*)

1. Enter and sign in at the Gift Shop at 11:30 am
2. Report to the Children’s Zoo Keeper for assigned duties.
 - a. Monitor contact yard and brush/fly spray all sheep and goats
 - b. Dump and refill water tubs
 - c. Clean contact yard and barns
 - d. Water and weed flower beds as necessary
 - e. Animal and public interactions (if time available)
3. Assist staff in public contact areas
4. Daily “Animal Encounter” shows always occur at 1:30
5. One fifteen-minute break
6. Sign out and leave at 3:00 pm

*** Returning JZC volunteers may be scheduled 1pm to 4:30 instead ***

LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING (3pm – zoo close)

1. Enter and sign in at the Gift Shop at 3pm
2. Report to the Children’s Zoo Keeper for assigned duties.
 - a. Monitor contact yard
 - b. Refill water tubs as necessary
 - c. Spot clean yards
 - d. Halter, groom and fly spray llama, alpaca or donkeys
 - e. Animal and public interactions (if time available)
 - f. Water grass and plants. Weed flower beds and clean sidewalks
 - g. Feed and water all Children’s Zoo animals
3. On Sundays only, a second “Animal Encounters” show is at 3:30
4. Assist Children’s Zoo Keeper with closing procedures. The contact yard typically closes at 5pm
5. The zoo will usually close at 6pm. Since this is a shorter, 3 hour shift you may not receive a break
6. One Friday every month the zoo will stay open later, until 8pm. Depending on your schedule for the month, you may end up working an extended 5 hour shift those days. Anyone working a 5 hour shift will receive a break built into their schedule. On those select nights, an additional “Animal Encounters” show takes place at 6:30. The animal care closing procedures will take place from 7 to 8 on those select nights.
7. Sign out and leave at 6pm. The **ONLY** potential 8pm exceptions are the Fridays listed below.

The zoo will remain open until 8pm on: May 29th, June 26th, July 24th, & August 28th

If scheduled to work a two hour 6pm to 8pm evening-only shift, follow standard procedure. Sign in at the Gift Shop at 6pm, report to the Children’s Zoo for assignment, and sign out/leave via the Gift Shop at 8pm.

