

The Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo

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Volunteer Application

Please complete and return this application to Ines Thiessen via fax (650.473.1965), via e-mail (Ines.Thiessen@CityofPaloAlto.org) or in person by visiting the Museum & Zoo. Please note that the minimum age for volunteering at the Jr. Museum & Zoo is 15.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation/Employer: _____ or

School & Grade Level: _____

Professional Reference (Name and phone #): _____

Educational background: _____

Paid work experience: _____

Volunteer work experience: _____

Special skills and interests: _____

How did you learn about Junior Museum and Zoo volunteer opportunities? _____

Why are you interested in volunteering with us? _____

Please indicate your areas of interest:

_____ Discovery Guide

Volunteer in the Exhibit Hall and Zoo and help visitors discover the science behind the exhibits. Facilitate live animal encounters or interpretive programs with our teaching collection, or leading family story times. *6-month minimum commitment required.*

_____ Exhibits Behind-the-Scenes

Help maintain and build upcoming exhibits in our workshop! This opportunity requires prior building experience, including carpentry, engineering, machine operation, industrial design, theatre set design & construction. *6-month minimum commitment required.*

_____ Zoo Behind-the-Scenes

Assist with the daily care of the zoo animals by preparing and feeding the special diets of the animals, cleaning enclosures and working directly with some of the 50+ animals to ensure their health. *6-month minimum commitment required.*

_____ Baylands Nature Center

Assist with a variety of educational and administrative duties including greeting and orientating visitors to the Center and surrounding Open Space, maintaining exhibit and learning resources and participating on special projects. *6-month minimum commitment required.*

_____ Special Events & Administrative Support (Friends of the PAJMZ)

Help out with special weekend events and celebrations for Members of the Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, or work behind-the-scenes in our fundraising office. The Friends are a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo.

When are you available to work?: _____

(Please list days of week and time of day. The JMZ is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 12 noon – 4 p.m. on Sunday.)

Please note! Prior to beginning service with the Junior Museum & Zoo, all volunteers must show proof of a negative **TB Test** (taken within the past 2 years), as well as complete a **Fingerprinting** process and receive clearance from the Department of Justice. Instructions for fulfilling these requirements will be provided during your volunteer orientation.

Non - Discrimination Policy: The Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo (PAJMZ) and Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo (FPAJMZ) are committed to the principle of equal opportunity. We do not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, gender, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligations, and marital status in the administration of its programs, services, and policies. This non-discrimination policy applies to all PAJMZ and FPAJMZ employees, Board members, volunteers, consultants, and contractors.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo Volunteer!

