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## **Toledo Zoo Seeks Zoo Educators**

Toledo, Ohio— The Toledo Zoo is recruiting adult volunteers for its next class of Zoo Educators. Classes will begin in mid-October and feature a weekday as well as a weekend training series. The flexible training program consists of an orientation, followed by a series of eight classes that cover exhibits throughout the Zoo, as well as educational techniques.

Zoo Educators provide educational programs on and off Toledo Zoo grounds, including structured classroom programs, as well as natural feed and enrichment interpretive talks. In addition, Zoo Educators may handle small live animals and animal biofacts to teach people about the importance of conservation through spontaneous interactions with Zoo visitors.

The Zoo Educator program is a great way for people to get involved in their community, meet new people, and learn about animals and conservation. For more information about becoming a Zoo Educator or learning about other volunteer programs, contact Bill Davis, the Zoo's Volunteer Coordinator, at (419) 385-5721 or [bill.davis@toledozoo.org](mailto:bill.davis@toledozoo.org); you'll also find more information the Zoo's website, [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org).

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

*The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement.*

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