



October is a huge month for volunteers at the Kansas City Zoo. We run big events every weekend and rely upon our community partners to bring smiles to many families. Come have fun with us!

Below are the descriptions of the various volunteer opportunities, dates, times and number of people we need for that particular job.

We encourage families to volunteer together, but ask that children under the age of 10 be accompanied by an adult at all times. Children between 11 and 14 should have a chaperone or parent that can monitor them during their shift, with a maximum of four children per adult leader or parent.

Thank you for considering the Kansas City Zoo. We need you and appreciate your support. While we will try to place you or your group in your requested job, we might need to move you to another position during your requested shift.

Come have fun with us!!

Please contact the volunteer coordinator if you would like to help us out.

Please include your name, email address, phone number, date, job and shift(s) you would like to work. We welcome groups.

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October Volunteer Job Descriptions

Pedal Tractors – The Zoo allows kids under the age of 6 to pedal around on John Deere pedal tractors. This station will be located at the concrete pad lined with hay bales behind the Sea Lion pool. Your responsibility includes keeping the children in line and making sure they do not play bumper cars with one another. Imagine a Sea of floating green. It is very cute and we have never had any crashes in the 5 years we have been offering this activity. This job is outdoors and requires a bit of standing although a chair will be provided. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo.

KidZ in Motion (formerly Rope Maze) – Much like an obstacle course, the Zoo has a maze made of ropes. Visitors use colored ropes to wind their way in-and-out and over-and-under a series of plain colored ropes. We encourage participants to move like a snake through the system. Your job will be managing the ropes and explaining how to move through the maze. This job is outdoors and requires a bit of standing, although a chair will be provided. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo.

Hooping and Hooting – This station will involve letting our guests have fun with hula hoops. Your job will be to hand out the hula hoops and time people to see how long they can “hula.” This job is outdoors and requires a bit of standing, although a chair will be provided. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo

Scarecrow building – The Zoo needs visitors to assemble one hundred scarecrows. These scarecrows will be placed along the train path for the scarecrow express.. Scarecrows are made of old clothing, plastic bags and safety pins. Scarecrows will be left at the Zoo for fall decoration. Your job will be to explain the process to visitors and assist them in the task. We also ask that you keep the supplies organized. This job will be indoors and seating will be available. Weekend of October 3-4 only.

Sponge Bob character and escort – Kids love Sponge Bob. They love having their picture taken with this adorable character. We need a volunteer to wear the costume. Maximum height is 5’4”. This person needs excellent people skills and should be able to animate the character without talking. We also need an escort to help lead Sponge Bob around, pose children for pictures and keep the lines organized. This job requires standing and walking. Weekend of October 3-4 only.

Hayride – We will be offering hayrides this year that will loop around the main area of the zoo. Volunteers are needed to control lines, help people get on and off the wagon, etc. This job will be outdoors and requires a bit of standing, although a chair will be provided. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo.

Pirate Ship – The friendly haunted pirate ship is a fun walk through adventure for our visitors. Visitors get to tour the battery, the gallows, the captain’s quarters and two compartments that are sunken and are filled with treasures and animals from the deep. (of course they are made of paper mache). We ask volunteers to provide their own costume so they will dress like a pirate. Volunteers will act as tour guides and add their theatrics to the experience. This job requires imagination, standing and walking. It can be either indoor or out-of-door, but the indoor space is not heated or cooled. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo.

Pumpkin Painting – Kids are allowed to decorate miniature pumpkins using washable markers. Kids are allowed to take their mini-pumpkins home. Volunteers will give out markers and pumpkins, one pumpkin per child. .Volunteers need to collect and organize

materials after the visitor completes the task. This job will allow the volunteer to sit. This job will happen indoors. Weekend of October 10 – 11 only.

Kid ZOO Art (formerly Chalk Art) – Visitors will be allowed to draw with sidewalk chalk on the sidewalk by the Australian train station. Guests will also be able to do self face painting. Mirrors and face painting materials will be provided. Volunteers will monitor the drawings for appropriate verbiage and hand out chalk to artists. This job will be outdoors, but in a covered area. This job requires standing and walking. Hoots and Howls weekends and Boo at the Zoo.

Craft Pipe Cleaner Spiders – Children will be able to make a simple spider out of pipe cleaners, glue and google eyes. Volunteers will be asked to assist visitors in building the spiders. They will be asked to organize the materials. This job will happen in indoors and seating will be available. Weekend of October 17-18 only.

Scooby Doo character and escort – Kids love Scooby Doo. They love having their picture taken with this adorable character. We need a volunteer to wear the costume. Maximum height/weight is 5’9” and 150lbs. This person needs excellent people skills and should be able to animate the character without talking. We also need an escort to help lead Scooby Doo around, pose children for pictures and keep the lines organized. This job requires standing and walking. Weekend of October 10-11 only.

Candy Station Monitors – The Zoo will supply trick-or treat stations along the public path. Volunteers will be asked to hand out either candy, coupons, trip trap, fruit or drinks to children. We have so much fun when volunteers dress in the spirit of Halloween. This job is out doors and volunteers will be able to sit during most of their shift. For Boo at the Zoo (Oct. 24-25) only

Cheetah Costume Character – We need a volunteer under 5’ 5” tall to be our zoo mascot, “Kaz” the cheetah. This person will wear our cheetah mascot costume provided by the Zoo. This person needs excellent people skills and should be able to animate the character without talking. Children love our cheetah and like to greet this zoo mascot and have their picture taken with “Kaz”. We also need an escort to help lead Kaz the cheetah around, pose children for pictures and keep the lines organized. This job requires standing and walking. This job will be for the weekends of Oct. 17-18, and Boo at the Zoo, and on October 31st. The job will also require the person to lead the parade at noon and again at 4 pm.on Boo at the Zoo weekend.

Cupcake walk We need 2 people to help with this station, starting and stopping the music, distributing prizes (cupcakes). This job will be outdoor and will require standing, although a chair will be provided. October 31st only.

Schedule of event needs

Hoots and Howls Saturday, October 3, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm – Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Scarecrow building – 2 people per shift
Sponge Bob – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 4, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Scarecrow building – 2 people per shift
Sponge Bob – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Saturday, October 10, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Scooby Doo – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Pumpkin Painting – 2 people needed per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 11, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Scooby Doo – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Pumpkin Painting – 2 people needed per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Saturday, October 17, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Cheetah mascot – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Craft Pipe Cleaner Spider – 2 people needed per shift
Hayride – 2 people needed per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 18, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Kansas

City Zoo needs to fill a total of 36 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 18 people and the afternoon shift will require 18 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Cheetah mascot – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Craft Pipe Cleaner Spider – 2 people needed per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift

Boo at the Zoo Saturday, October 24 event runs from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm – The

Kansas City Zoo needs a total of 130 volunteers spread out in areas throughout the day. Food will be provided around noon and again between 4 and 6 pm. The first shift, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, requires 44 people. The second shift, 12:30 – 4:00 pm, requires 42 people. The third shift, 3:30 – 7:00 pm, requires 44 people.

Volunteers are needed for:

Candy Station Monitors – 24 people per shift

Pedal Tractor Monitors – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Pirate Ship – 4 people per shift
Cheetah mascot – 2 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift
Cheetah mascot Parade Leader – 2 people for parade beginning at noon and 2 people for parade beginning at 4 pm.

Boo at the Zoo Sunday, October 25 event runs from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm – The Kansas City Zoo needs a total of 130 volunteers spread out in areas throughout the day. Food will be provided around noon and again between 4 and 6 pm. The first shift, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, requires 44 people. The second shift, 12:30 – 4:00 pm, requires 42 people. The third shift, 3:30 – 7:00 pm, requires 44 people.

Volunteers are needed for:

Candy Station Monitors – 24 people per shift
Pedal Tractor Monitors – 2 people per shift
KidZ in Motion – 2 people per shift
Hooping and Hooting – 2 people per shift
Pirate Ship – 4 people per shift
Cheetah mascot – 2 people per shift
Kid Zoo Art – 2 people per shift
Hayride – 2 people per shift
Cheetah mascot Parade Leader – 2 people for parade beginning at noon and 2 people for parade at 4 pm.

Halloween – October 31, 9:30 - 3:00

The Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 12 positions for the day. The first shift runs from 9:30-12:00 and the second shift runs from 12:00 -3:00pm. Each shift will require 6 people.

Volunteers are needed for:

Hayride – 2 people per shift
Cheetah mascot – 2 people per shift
Cupcake walk – 2 people per shift