



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 FROM 3 TO 5 P.M. **SANTA BARBARA ZOO HIGHLIGHTS ITS EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Full Time, Part Time, and Seasonal Openings for Adults and Teens, Both Paid & Volunteer
- Jobs in Zoo Camp, Home School and Other Educational Programs
- Train Engineers, Climbing Wall Monitors, Show Actors Also Needed
- Free Event Includes Close-up Animal Encounters

(*Santa Barbara, CA, January 19, 2016*) – Jobs and volunteer opportunities at the Santa Barbara Zoo are highlighted at the annual Santa Barbara Zoo Job & Volunteer Expo held this year on Sunday, January 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Zoo, 500 Niños Drive, Santa Barbara, just off Cabrillo Boulevard at East Beach.

No reservations or appointments are necessary for the free event. Parking is free for participants, and check-in is at the Zoo's admissions area. Parents or guardians of teens are welcome to attend. Close-up Animal Encounters will also take place.

For more information or to download a job application, email [hr@sbzoo.org](mailto:hr@sbzoo.org), call Corinne Santini at 962-5339 ext. 108, or visit [www.sbzoo.org/more/careers](http://www.sbzoo.org/more/careers). (*Only Santa Barbara Zoo jobs and volunteer opportunities are featured at this event.*)

Full-time, part-time and seasonal positions are available, as are entry-level and more advanced positions. “Wild” summer employment for adults and teens includes hosts for special events, monitors for the Condor Climbing Wall, engineers who drive the Zoo Train, and actors for the Zoo’s live shows *California Tales* and *How to Train Your Dinosaurs*, among others. Instructors and counselors are needed for the seasonal Zoo Camps, and educators for the Zoo’s overnight, and homeschool programs.



Teens as young as age 14 can apply for the Zoo’s award-winning Guest Experience Specialist (GES) program. Intended to be a “first job,” GES participants rotate between jobs in guest services, restaurants, and retail stores. In addition, they are introduced to work ethics and basic skills, such as customer service, resume writing, and job interviews. (Applicants must be 18 and older for most other paid positions.)

Information about volunteer opportunities is also available at the event. Adults are needed as docents, keeper aides, and others. Volunteer positions for teens include Zoo Camp Counselor in Training (CIT), Junior Docents, and Junior Ambassadors.

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*The Santa Barbara Zoo is located on 30 acres of botanic gardens and is home to nearly 500 individual animals in open, naturalistic habitats. It is accredited by the [Association of Zoos & Aquariums](#) (AZA), representing the highest level of animal care, and participates in AZA endangered species programs for Asian elephant, California condor, Channel Island fox, and Western lowland gorilla, among others. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$17 for adults, \$13 for seniors 65+, \$10 for children 2 to 12, and children under 2 are free. Parking is \$7. Visit [www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org).*