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SANTA BARBARA ZOO HIRING TRAIN OPERATORS, EVENT HOSTS, EDUCATORS, ACTORS, AND MORE ***JOB & VOLUNTEER EXPO HELD SUNDAY, JAN. 21 FROM 3 TO 5 P.M.***

- Full Time, Part Time, and Seasonal Openings for Adults and Teens
- Paid and Volunteer Positions
- Looking for Educators for Award-winning Zoo Camp, Train Operators, Climbing Wall Monitors, Live Show Actors and Characters; Also Development Events Officer and Member Service Ambassadors
- Free Event Includes Close-up Animal Encounters

(Santa Barbara, CA, January 10, 2018) – 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 21 at the Zoo, 500 Niños Drive, Santa Barbara, just off Cabrillo Boulevard at East Beach. Full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions are available, as are entry-level and more advanced positions.

Those interested can attend any time between 3 and 5 p.m. 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 complete a job application, visit www.sbzoo.org/more/careers and select "View Job Listings." *(Only Santa Barbara Zoo jobs and volunteer opportunities are featured at this event.)*

"Wild" spring and/or summer employment for adults and teens includes hosts for special events, monitors for the Condor Climbing Wall, operators to drive the Zoo Train, and actors and characters for the Zoo's live shows *California Tales* and *Dino Doc*, among others. Educators are needed for the seasonal Zoo Camps, and for the Zoo's overnight, and homeschool programs. A newly posted full-time position is Development Events Officer.



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 may 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 and cashiering, as well as education about Zoos in general, animal care, enrichment and conservation. 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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*Known as one of the world's most beautiful zoos, 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. A private 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Santa Barbara Zoo depends on community support, not tax dollars, for operations and improvements. Visit www.sbzoo.org.*