



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 and our animals

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.

Thank you for considering the Kansas City Zoo. We need you and appreciate your support.

Come have fun with us and our animals

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 the world gate area on John Deere pedal tractors. 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 4 years we have been offering this activity. This job is out doors and requires a bit of standing although a chair will be provided.

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 out doors and requires a bit of standing, although a chair will be provided.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Chalk Art – Visitors will be allowed to draw with sidewalk chalk on the sidewalk by the Australian train station. Volunteers will monitor the drawings for appropriate verbiage and hand out chalk to artists. This job will be out doors, but in a covered area. This job requires standing and walking.

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.

Big Equipment Monitors – Various large tractors and construction implements will be parked in a field so kids can climb on them. Volunteers will be asked to monitor the equipment and remind parents that kids climb at their own risk. Immediate supervision of the children will be left to the parents. This job will be out doors and some seating will be available.

Bouncy activity monitor – The Zoo will rent a big bouncy blow up apparatus. Volunteers will regulate the number of children participating so everyone gets a chance

and numbers are minimal to insure safety. This job will be outdoors and occasional periods of sitting will be possible.

Candy Station Monitors – The Zoo will supply 12 tick-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.

Lion Costume Character – We need a volunteer under 5’ 8” tall to lead the costume parade. This person will wear a lion costume provided by the Zoo. This job will only happen during Boo at the Zoo. The job will require the person to lead the parade at 10 am and again at 2 pm.

Scarecrow express zombies – We need several volunteers to dress like scarecrows, fiddle players, friendly looking zombies and ghosts, black cats, clowns, pirates, hobos, etc. These volunteers will leap into action every time the train passes their station. Volunteers are asked to provide their own costume. This job will be out doors and will require sitting, walking, acting and standing repeatedly. Volunteers will act as zombies during Boo at the Zoo with one shift running from 4 – 8 pm.

Schedule of event needs

Hoots and Howls Saturday, October 4, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm – Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 28 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 14 people and the afternoon shift will require 14 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers needed for :

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift

Rope Maze – 2 people per shift

Scarecrow building – 2 people per shift

Sponge Bob – 2 people per shift

Pirate ship – 4 people per shift

Chalk Art – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 5, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 28 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 14 people and the afternoon shift will require 14 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift

Rope Maze – 2 people per shift

Scarecrow building – 2 people per shift

Sponge Bob – 2 people per shift

Pirate ship – 4 people per shift

Chalk Art – 2 people per shift

Hoots and Howls Saturday, October 11, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 28 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 14 people and the afternoon shift will require 14 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00 pm.

Volunteers needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
Rope Maze – 2 people per shift
Bouncy activity monitor – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
Pumpkin Painting – 2 people needed per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 12, event runs from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm - Kansas City Zoo needs to fill a total of 28 positions for the day. The morning shift will require 14 people and the afternoon shift will require 14 people. The morning shift runs from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The afternoon shift runs from noon – 3:00pm.

Volunteers needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
Rope Maze – 2 people per shift
Bouncy activity monitor – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
Pumpkin Painting – 2 people needed per shift

Hoots and Howls Saturday, 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 needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
Rope Maze – 2 people per shift
Bouncy activity monitor – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift
Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
Craft Pipe Cleaner Spider – 2 people needed per shift
Big Equipment Monitors – 4 people needed per shift

Hoots and Howls Sunday, October 19, 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 needed for:

Pedal Tractors - 2 people per shift
Rope Maze – 2 people per shift
Bouncy activity monitor – 2 people per shift
Pirate ship – 4 people per shift

Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
Craft Pipe Cleaner Spider – 2 people needed per shift
Big Equipment Monitors – 4 people needed per shift

Boo at the Zoo Saturday, October 25 event runs from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm – The Kansas City Zoo needs a total of 184 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 am – 12:30 pm, requires 36 people. The second shift, noon – 3:30 pm, requires 36 people. The third shift, 3 – 6 pm, requires 56 people. The fourth shift, 6 – 8 pm requires 56 people.

Volunteers are needed for:

Candy Station Monitors – 24 people per shift
Pedal Tractor Monitors – 2 people per shift
Rope Maze – 2 people per shift
Pirate Ship – 4 people per shift
Bouncy Activity – 2 people per shift
Scarecrow Express – 20 people needed from 4 – 8 pm
Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
Lion Character Parade Leader – 2 people for parade beginning at 10 am and 2 people for parade beginning at 2 pm.

Boo at the Zoo Sunday, October 26 event runs from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm – The Kansas City Zoo needs a total of 184 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 am – 12:30 pm, requires 36 people. The second shift, noon – 3:30 pm, requires 36 people. The third shift, 3 – 6 pm, requires 56 people. The fourth shift, 6 – 8 pm requires 56 people.

Volunteers are needed for:

Candy Station Monitors – 24 people per shift
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Chalk Art – 2 people per shift
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