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The Youth Engagement Program at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory



Thank you for your interest in the Youth Engagement Program (YEP) at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory! YEP is a program for any youth entering 9th – 12th grade in the fall of 2018 who have a desire for gaining knowledge in the conservation field. YEP will offer youth a unique environment to learn from professionals in their respective field, have fun and give back to the community. Como asks that youth who join YEP come with an open mind and the desire to be engaged.

YEP will include two 5 week sessions with a culminating event after the conclusion of the second session. Each of the 5 week sessions will be independent. Applicants can apply to either session, or both. We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with occasional weekend meet-ups. We may gather at Como for fun and exciting sessions, but often we will be taking field trips into the community to meet with other great organizations. The application period is open until **April 30th**. You are encouraged to apply early, and share your excitement with friends who may also be interested in joining.

Highlights of the program include:

- Networking with professionals in conservation and related fields
- Field trips to fun destinations that support conservation and sustainable practices
- Giving back to the community via service work
- Behind the scenes visits with Como staff
- Connecting with fellow youth who share your passion and interests

Ready to apply? We thought so! Here are the steps you need to take to get started:

- Download, print and complete the attached application
- Obtain the required signatures – youth and parent or guardian
- Submit completed application by **April 30, 2018**
- Questions? Call 651-487-8271 or email: tim.buer@ci.stpaul.mn.us



The Youth Engagement Program is generously funded through the **Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant.**



Application –

Return completed applications to:
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory
Attn: Youth Engagement Program
1225 Estabrook Drive
St. Paul, MN 55103
or scan and email to
tim.buer@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Application Deadline: April 30, 2018

Name: _____

What excites you about being a part of this program? _____

What are some of your educational and career interests? _____

Each of you brings unique experiences and strengths to a group. What are some of your individual strengths and how do they help you work with a team?

The Youth Engagement Program functions successfully when all participants come together to create an inclusive environment. How will you help create this environment?

How will participating in this program benefit you? _____

Work related to conservation has endless career opportunities, if you had a dream job in conservation work, what would it be and why?

How did you hear about YEP? _____

Contact Information –



Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home address (street, city, zip): _____

School attending during 2018 – 2019 school year: _____

City / town where school is located: _____ Grade level in 2018-2019(circle): 9 10 11 12

Personal Commitment –

I understand that participation in the Youth Engagement Program entails all the following activities and I am committed to fully engaging in each aspect of the program including:

1. Commit to the scheduled dates for the session I registered for
2. Communicate to Como Education staff if I am not able to attend a session
3. Strive to be engaged in the program as this is a **career based program** designed to enhance my resume
4. Track all hours as this program is volunteer based and can be used for service hours
5. Preparing for and attending ten, six hour sessions throughout the session. **Please review the list below and carefully and initial to confirm your commitment to attending:**

NOTE: 100% attendance is not a requirement, however, strongly encouraged to experience the benefits of the program.

Session 1 Dates	Session Time	Initials
Saturday June 9	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Sunday June 10	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday June 12	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday June 14	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday June 19	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday June 21	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday June 26	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday June 28	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday July 10	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday July 12	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	

Session 2 Dates	Session Time	Initials
Tuesday July 17	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday July 19	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday July 24	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday July 26	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday July 31	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday August 2	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday August 7	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday August 9	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Tuesday August 14	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
Thursday August 16	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand all the information in this application packet and you are committed to take the necessary steps to successfully participate in this program.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Commitment –

I understand that _____ (applicant's name) is applying for the Youth Engagement Program @ Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and I will support their participation if selected.

Signature of parent / guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent / guardian email: _____ Parent / guardian phone: _____

To successfully apply for the Youth Engagement Program at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory:

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