Thank you for your interest in the Nature Walk youth volunteer program! We are looking for 10-15 participants to join the program in 2020.

Nature Walk is a Como Park Zoo and Conservatory Interpretive program for rising 7th graders through incoming 12th graders with a strong interest in the natural world and a desire to share information with the public.

To be a part of the Nature Walk program, applicants MUST fulfill these expectations:

- **Submit an application and two references to the address listed by March 11th, 2020.**
- **Attend an information session WITH a parent/guardian to learn more about the program.**
  - Applicants can choose between two information session dates:
    - Tuesday, February 25th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
    - Wednesday, March 11th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- After the application deadline, select candidates will be invited to interview. Applicants must be successful in the interview process.
  - Panel interviews consist of questions and an oral presentation presented by the applicant.
  - Interview date options are below. There will be multiple time slots available.
    - Saturday, April 4th (afternoon)
    - Wednesday, April 8th (evening)
- **Confirm acceptance to the Nature Walk program.**
  - Applicant references, interviews and oral presentation scores will be used to determine the selection.
  - Acceptance letters, participant paperwork and training session sign-ups will be e-mailed after the interview process has concluded.
- **Commit to attending two Nature Walk training sessions and the giraffe feeding station training. Choose the option that works best for trainings 1 and 2 as they can be done interchangeably.**
  - **Giraffe Feeding Station:** Saturday, May 9th 8:30am-11:30am
  - **Training 1:** Saturday, May 16th 12:00pm-6:00pm OR Sunday, June 7th 12:00pm-6:00pm
  - **Training 2:** Saturday, June 6th 12:00pm-6:00pm OR Sunday, May 17th 12:00pm-6:00pm
- **Commit to 15 shifts during the summer of 2020.**
  - The 2020 Nature Walk season runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Monday, June 15th through Wednesday, August 26th.
  - Shifts are 9:30am-2:30pm on Mondays and Fridays; 9:30am-4:30pm on Wednesdays.
- **Commit to 2 special events during the 2020-2021 school year.**
  - Special events take place one weekend a month from September 2020 to April 2021.
  - Nature Walkers are also needed for one-time summer evening events.

Questions about Nature Walk or the application process?
Call (651) 487-8275 or email: comonaturewalk@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Thank you,
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory Volunteer Services