

# CHRISTMAS AT THE INDIANAPOLIS ZOO

**NEW DATES!** Begins Nov. 25, open Wed.-Sun.  
through Dec. 23, plus Dec. 26-30

## Share the Holiday Spirit at the Indianapolis Zoo!

'Twas the time for Christmas, when all through the Zoo  
Many creatures were stirring, even a gnu;  
The lights were hung on the trees with care,  
In hopes that the visitors will soon be there;  
The volunteers were bright eyed, joyful on sleds,  
While visions of cookie decorating danced in their heads;  
And decorating, Santa, and glowing campfires,  
Sign up to volunteer, and the holidays will meet your desires!

The Indianapolis Zoo is proud to continue the tradition of Christmas at the Zoo! We're looking for friendly volunteers over the age of 17 to help bring this event to life by assisting in the following areas.

### Pre and Post Event Help

- Holiday Set-up: Saturday, November 12, 11am-3pm help prepare Zoo grounds by setting up fencing, tables, chairs, and decorations.
- Holiday Tear Down: Saturday, January 7, 2012, 10am-2pm help remove decorations and event materials.

### Event Days (volunteer shift times from 4:15-9pm unless noted.)

- Scavenger Hunt Assistant: Help guests find items listed on a scavenger hunt in the Hilbert Conservatory. Two positions available each event day.
- Cookie Decorating: Assist children with frosting cookies and adding toppings, keep the table tidy, and monitor the supplies from concessions. This activity can get messy! One position available on days before Christmas and two on days after Christmas.
- Santa Line Assistant: Help maintain an orderly line while children wait to see Santa. Two positions available each event day through December 23.
- Super Bowl Welcome Letters and Coloring Sheets: Help children color a Welcome Letter to guests visiting Indianapolis for the Super Bowl. One position available each event day.
- Letters to Santa: Help children write letters to Santa (after Christmas - write thank you notes to Santa). One position available each event day.
- Greeter/Floater: Actively welcome guests into the area, explain the activities, and fill in with any assignments as needed. One position available each event day.
- Fire Pit Monitor: Outside activity. Keep the campfires going at a nice low (non-bonfire) level. Make sure guests do not step into the pit or get too close to the fire. Two positions available each event day.
- Mascot/Guide: Greet guests at the Entrance Plaza and throughout Zoo grounds. Must be a previously Zoo-trained Mascot or Guide. (5-8pm shift time). Two positions available each event day.
- Naturalist: Show families animal artifacts from a Discovery Station. This is a great time of year to share the Naturalist program as guests are at a slower pace and enjoy the warm pavilion. Must be a previously Zoo-trained Naturalist. One position available each day after Christmas (December 26-30).
- Post Holiday Craft: Help guests put together their own New Year's Eve party favor. Four positions available each day after Christmas (December 26-30).

Please Note: All Volunteer positions are filled on a first-come, first served basis and are not guaranteed. Please contact the Volunteer Office to check availability. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Office at (317) 630-2041 or email [kkraemer@indyzoo.com](mailto:kkraemer@indyzoo.com).

For those who have not worked this event in the past, we will be hosting two event orientations: Saturday, November 12, from 10-11am or Wednesday, November 16, from 6-7pm. Orientation takes place in the Hix Institute (Education building – green building located immediately to the right of the main Zoo entrance gates). Please let the parking attendants know you are attending the Christmas at the Zoo Orientation to park for free.