

Zookeeper for a Day

General Instructions

Welcome to the *Zookeeper for a Day* program! We hope that you will find this to be a rewarding and fun-filled experience. This information is provided to help answer any questions that you may have. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo Development Office at 620.276.6243.

Cost for the half day program is \$50.00 for FOLRZ members and \$90.00 for non-members; cost for the full day program is \$75.00 for FOLRZ members and \$115.00 for non-members and includes a meal from the Safari Shoppe consisting of a hamburger or hot dog plus chips and a medium drink. Participants must be at least 13 years of age and in good physical condition to participate in the program.

Please bring or mail the enclosed form to the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo Development Office located next to the Safari Shoppe. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you prefer to mail your application and payment, our address is P O Box 1638, Garden City, KS 67846. Make checks payable to the "Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo" or "FOLRZ".

After your application has been received and payment made, date selection should be arranged by calling Stephanie at 620.276.1230. Reservations **must be** made at least 2 weeks (14 days) in advance. Please have a backup date in mind, in case your first choice is unavailable. Tuesdays are often the best day to reserve as we usually have more keeper staff on duty.

The day that you choose will begin at 8 a.m. with a short orientation by LRZ General Curator, Kristi Newland, followed by assignment to a staff keeper. You will assist this keeper until lunch break at which time your day will end. If you have chosen the full day program after your lunch at the Safari Shoppe you will be assigned to a different keeper for the afternoon and the day will conclude at 4 p.m.

The required "uniform" includes jeans, work boots or sturdy, non-slip closed toed footwear, work shirt, warm clothing, if needed, to accommodate the outside temperatures, and work gloves. Seasonal considerations are; sunscreen, bug spray, coat or ear muffs. You may want to bring bottled water if the weather is warm. Please do not wear "dangly" jewelry and.....DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!

A special bonus to this extraordinary experience will be a surprise souvenir from the keeper staff to provide a lasting memento and a novel way to complete the day.

Have a great time!