

BROOKGREEN *Gardens*[®]

Zookeeper for a Day

Do you love animals?

Do you dream about being a Zookeeper?

Do you ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at the Lowcountry Zoo?

This program is for you!

Brookgreen Gardens Zookeeper for a Day program is an exciting new program that gives guests age 12 and older a firsthand look at working in a zoo. Come spend the day helping zookeepers with their daily routine of feeding, cleaning, and animal care. Don't miss your chance to feed deer, prepare animal diets, and get your photo with a snake!

Program Information

- ◆ **Dates:** This program is only offered on the following dates in 2017: **Jan. 18, March 15, April 19, May 17, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15.**
- ◆ **Cost:** \$150.00
- ◆ **Time:** 8:30am-2:00pm
- ◆ Participants must be at least 12 years old. Participants must also be able to lift up to 20 pounds and be willing to work in all weather conditions.
- ◆ **Due to the hands on nature of this program, we can only accept one participant per session.**
- ◆ New things are always going on at the zoo; therefore, we cannot guarantee that you will get to work with a certain animal.

For more information or to register, please call: 843-235-6049 or email jcirino@brookgreen.org

These spaces fill up quickly so hurry and register!

All about Zookeeper for a Day

What should I wear?

Zookeepers work in all weather conditions and so will you! Rain or shine, you will be outside so come dressed appropriately for the weather. A t-shirt and name tag will be provided for you. Please wear khakis or jeans. Shorts are permitted in the summer. You will be cleaning and getting dirty, so wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes. Flip flops and sandals are not allowed, as they are not safe for behind-the-scenes areas.

What should I bring?

You should bring a water bottle. Lunch and a snack will be provided for you. You may also want to bring bug spray and sun screen. Bring a camera with you as there will be photo opportunities throughout the day!

What should I know about working with animals?

Though our animals are tolerant of human presence, they are still wild and can act unpredictably. It is very important to follow the instructions of the zookeeper you are shadowing. Only enter animal areas with the direction of a keeper. Always wait for instruction and authorization from a keeper before approaching any animals while participating in feeding and training them. Only touch animals when the keeper has given permission to do so. Please note that this program is an inside look at a zookeeper's job and limited animal handling will be involved.

Are there any requirements or restrictions to participating?

Guests are required to bring with them proof of a negative TB test within twelve months of their experience. Guests are expected to follow all rules and guidelines of the staff. Those that do not follow the rules will be asked to leave without a refund. Please note that our behind-the-scenes areas are not handicapped-accessible.



*Come join our
amazing
zookeepers for a
wild time!*

