1. What makes volunteering at The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens different from other volunteer or

service-learning opportunities?

* The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens offers high school students a unique opportunity to gain valuable job skills, and volunteer in a collaborative and fun learning environment!
* Our Zoo Teen volunteers have the opportunity to experience to practice skills that will help support their future educational and career paths.

1. What age do you need to be to join the Zoo Teen program?
   * Zoo Teens must be between the ages of 14-18 years old and currently enrolled in school and in good standing academically and behaviorally.
2. What are the steps to apply to become a Zoo Teen?
   * Complete and submit the Zoo Teen Application on the Living Desert website.
   * Submit a paper with answers to an essay question
   * Participate in a ZooTeen interview
   * Attend a Zoo Teen Orientation session
3. When is the best time to apply?
   * We offer two seasons for new Zoo Teens to apply to the program
     + Zoo Teens can apply to program in Early-Fall to volunteer during the school year (October-May) or in Spring to volunteer during the summer (June- August)
4. What are the Requirements of the Zoo Teen program?
   * Complete and submit the ZooTeen Application
   * Attend a ZooTeen orientation session
   * Complete the required trainings
   * Commit to 6 hours a month during the school sessions (October-May)
   * Commit to 3 hours a week for the 8-week Summer Program (June-August).
   * Commit to a minimum service of one year
5. Do I need to be a member of The Living Desert?
   * No. Membership is not required to volunteer at The Living Desert. If you volunteer for 100 hours in a year you will receive a free individual membership, that can be applied to a family membership.
6. What volunteer opportunities can I participate in as a new Zoo Teen?
   * Petting Kraal: Help make a wonderfully wild time for our guests as they interact with the animals of the Petting Kraal as you help maintain the yard and share their natural history.
   * Bighorn Railroad Trains: Keep the trains running on time by maintaining the train layout, learning how to operate the controls and share with our guests about this engineering marvel.
   * Discovery Center: Inspire the next generation of learners where you will help facilitate educational interactions with fossils, biofacts and other curiosities of the desert.
   * Special Events: From Wild Lights to Howl-O-Ween and more, we love to have our Zoo Teens help with special events to make sure every guest walks away with a WOW moment.
7. Does The Living Desert sign off on Community Service hours for school or other extra-curricular activities?
   * Yes, the Living Desert is happy to sign off and provide service hour records to schools or

scholastic organizations.