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ARE YOU WILD ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE ZOO??

BALTIMORE, MD -- If you think our animals are wild, come meet our Volunteers! The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore will be hosting an Open House for prospective volunteers on Sunday, January 27, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the Zoo's Mansion House Porch.

Last year, over 940 Volunteers gave 34,272 hours of support in a wide variety of important activities. Volunteers are needed to engage guests in fun, educational interactions on grounds and in the community; to help our Horticulture Department to maintain plantings around the Zoo, supervising animal interactions at the KidZone (goat yard) and camel rides, supporting office personnel with administrative projects, leading crafts and games at special events, and much more. The Zoo offers volunteer positions for people with all types of schedules and interests, and we are hoping to add approximately 120 new Volunteers this year.

During the Open House, there will be information sessions at 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 where guests will learn about the essential role Volunteers play in conservation education, grounds keeping, and visitor support. Current Volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss Spring openings, including training, scheduling, and the rewards of volunteering. We will also have representatives on hand to discuss College internships, and the Junior Zoo Crew, our unique service-learning program for teens ages 14-17.

More information and an online application can be found at www.marylandzoo.org under the "Volunteer" tab at the top of the home page. The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is located in Druid Hill Park. For specific directions or questions, please call the Volunteer Office at 443-552-5266.

In case of inclement weather, please check our website at www.marylandzoo.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/marylandzoo

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the award-winning Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit www.marylandzoo.org.

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