Scavenger Hunt:

*Whose job is it anyway?*
Welcome to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore! The Zoo’s mission is to inspire and educate people to join with it in the active conservation of wildlife and wild places. But meeting that mission takes more than just zookeepers caring for the animals! With this Scavenger Hunt you will learn about different jobs at the Zoo and how they are important.

**HOW TO USE THIS SCAVENGER HUNT**

1. Be sure to have a copy of the Zoo Map handy!

2. Read the Scavenger Hunt *Find It!* feature to direct you to the next stop.

3. At each stop, read through *Whose Job Is It?* to learn about a related zoo career.

4. Write your answer to each *Prove It!* question to let your teacher know that you completed the entire activity.

5. You can do the Scavenger Hunt in any order, but you might find it easiest to follow the numbered order. Completing your Scavenger Hunt should take about 90 minutes.

Keep in mind that every day is different at the Zoo. Some animals may be off exhibit during your visit.

*Chaperones, please keep your group together and supervise the students at all times.*

**START YOUR CAREER HUNT!**
Find It!
Attend a Keeper Chat for the chance to talk to a zoo keeper! Use the Zoo Map to find a Keeper Chat that is happening during your visit. Write the time and location here:

Plan Ahead!
Write a question that you would like to ask the keeper:

Whose Job Is It?
All the signs, maps, banners, logos, and brochures at the Zoo were created by a graphic designer. These designers use color, word styles, artwork, and photos to communicate messages to visitors.

What Should I Study?
2-year degree
Graphic design

4-year degrees
Graphic design
Art

Other helpful subjects
Marketing
Communications
Whose Job Is It?
It’s not just about feeding animals and scooping poop! Zoo keepers carefully monitor the well-being of the animals and seek to create experiences for the animals that allow them to use their natural behaviors.

Find It!
Look for the door next to the slender-nosed crocodile exhibit. This door leads to an area behind the exhibit where keepers feed and care for the fish, crocodiles, and turtles.

Prove It!
How many crocodiles are in the exhibit?

What Should I Study?
4-year degrees
- Biology/Zoology
- Animal Science
- Environmental Science
- Psychology
Other training
- Zoo internships

Whose Job Is It?
Zoo educators help visitors of all ages learn how amazing animals are and how we can all help protect them and their habitats. They may teach classes, play learning games, perform puppet shows, lead tours, or talk to visitors.

Educators also help write text for signs. Graphic designers then use the text to make the sign attractive and easy to read for visitors.

Find It!
Stop by Creature Encounter. Sometimes there are animal ambassadors in this area with educators. Be sure to pay them a visit!

Prove It!
What are the four main educational themes at the Zoo? (Hint: Look for signs.)
1.
2.
3.
4.

What Should I Study?
4-year degrees
- Biology/Zoology/Ecology
- Animal Science
- Environmental Science
- Education
- Psychology
Plants can be just as important as animals at the Zoo! Not only do plants make the grounds beautiful, but they help create exhibits that look and feel like the animals’ natural habitats.

**Horticulturalists** take care of the plants at the Zoo from grass to trees. They also design gardens that provide plants for some of the animals to eat or play with.

**Find It!**
Find the Bog area of the Maryland Wilderness Exhibit.

**Prove It!**
Identify one plant species native to wetlands in Maryland (*Hint: check out the signs along the railing!*)

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**What Should I Study?**

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**Whose Job Is It?**

When creating an exhibit, **exhibit designers** must consider the needs of three groups: animals, zoo staff, and visitors. In many cases, these groups have conflicting needs. But a good exhibit accounts for all of them.
**Whose Job Is It?**
The Animal Adoption program helps the Zoo raise money to care for the Zoo’s animals and to support programs that help species in the wild. **Fundraisers** develop ideas like this one to help visitors enjoy their Zoo experience while also raising money to help the Zoo do its important work. Most zoo fundraisers enjoy working with people.

**Find It!**
Look for an “Adopt Me!” sign on grounds.

**Prove It!**
What animal is pictured on the sign?

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**What Should I Study?**

**4-year degrees**
- Business/Marketing
- Communications
- Public relations
- Business

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**Whose Job Is It?**
*Vet techs* are much like nurses for animals. They help take care of sick or injured animals and also spend a lot of time working in a lab. In the lab, they study samples of blood and even urine and feces (poop!) to monitor the health of the animals.

**Find It!**
Find the small “stage” next to the mesh at the Chimp yard. Vet techs can work in an area like this one to draw blood from a chimp or to help perform an exam while remaining safely behind a barrier.

**Prove It!**
While you’re in the area, find a sign about chimp facial expressions. What does a chimp “grin” mean?

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**What Should I Study?**

**2-year degree**
Veterinary Technology
Find It!
Find an AED station at the Zoo. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is an important first-aid tool for someone suffering from a sudden heart problem.

Prove It!
Where did you find it?

What Should I Study?
Certifications
First Aid/CPR

2-year degrees
Public safety
Security management
Emergency medical technology

Whose Job Is It?
Security staff at the Zoo help enforce rules that keep everyone safe. They are also specially trained to help Zoo visitors who become ill or injured during their visit.

Find It!
Visit the Wild Things Gift Shop near the Main Gate.

Prove It!
What color shirts do staff members in the Zoo Gift Shop wear?

What Should I Study?
2-year degrees
Retail sales
Business/marketing

4-year degrees
Retail management
Business/marketing
Merchandising
**Find It!**
Head over to the African Watering Hole exhibit.

**Prove It!**
Which careers do you think were involved in creating this exhibit and in maintaining the exhibit? Some of these jobs were not part of the scavenger hunt, but they are other important roles at the Zoo!

- Graphic designer
- Keeper
- Educator
- Horticulturist
- Fundraiser
- Nutritionist
- Retail sales manager
- Veterinary technician
- Exhibit designer
- Security officer
- Custodian
- Social media manager

To learn more about Zoo careers, visit the Careers In Action webpage of the International Zoo Educators Association: