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Zoo Holds Docent Open House

Nashville Zoo will hold a docent open house Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. in the Zoo's Croft Center. Docents are specialized volunteers that educate guests about the Zoo's animals as well as conservation and wildlife issues using live animals, fossils and other hands-on materials.

"The main focus of the program is getting Zoo guests excited about conservation and our natural world," said Chris Kline, the Zoo's manager of onsite interpretation. "The best feedback is seeing children's faces light up when they see a snake, a tiger skull or an ostrich egg during a docent presentation."

Docents must volunteer at least 75 hours per year, pay a one-time training session fee of \$55, and attend the training series beginning on Jan. 25. Interested parties should contact Chris Kline at 615-833-1534 ext. 146 or ckline@nashvillezoo.org.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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