

“Creating memories and
inspiring appreciation
of the natural world”

The Youth Engagement Program at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory



Thank you for your interest in the Youth Engagement Program (YEP) at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory! YEP is a program for any youth entering 9th – 12th grade in the fall of 2019 who have a desire for gaining knowledge in the conservation field. YEP will offer youth a unique environment to learn from professionals in their respective fields, have fun and learn about conservation in our community. Como asks that youth who join YEP come with an open mind and the desire to be engaged. Youth who sign up for the program will be considered volunteers of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Hours participating in the program can be used at volunteer hours for other organizations such as school requirements. This program is FREE to participating youth as costs are covered by the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment Grant.

YEP will have three, one-week sessions, June 10-14, June 17-21 and June 24-28. Each of the one-week sessions are independent but may have some overlap of activities. Meeting times will be 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. This program will be a combination of learning from our experts at Como, as well as visiting other organizations to connect and learn from them. The application period is open until **Friday May 10th**. You are encouraged to apply early, and share your excitement with friends who may also be interested in joining.

Highlights of the program include:

- Networking with professionals in conservation and related fields
- Field trips to fun destinations that support conservation and sustainable practices
- Behind the scenes visits with Como staff
- Connecting with fellow youth who share your passion and interests

Ready to apply? We thought so! Here are the steps you need to take to get started:

- Download, print and complete the attached application
- Obtain the required signatures – youth and parent or guardian
- Submit completed application (pages 2 and 3) by **Friday May 10th, 2019**
- Questions? Call 651-487-8271 or email: tim.buer@ci.stpaul.mn.us



The Youth Engagement Program is generously funded through the **Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant**.



Application –

Return completed applications to:
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory
Attn: Youth Engagement Program
1225 Estabrook Drive
St. Paul, MN 55103
or scan and email to
tim.buer@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Student Name: _____

What excites you about being a part of this program? _____

What are some of your educational and career interests? _____

How will you benefit from participating in this program? _____

Work related to conservation has endless career opportunities, if you had a dream job in conservation work, what would it be and why?

How did you hear about YEP? _____

Student Contact Information –

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Home address (street, city, zip): _____

School attending during 2019 – 2020 school year: _____

City / town where school is located: _____ Grade level in 2019-2020(circle): 9 10 11 12



Personal Commitment –

I understand that participation in the Youth Engagement Program entails all the following activities and I am committed to fully engaging in each aspect of the program including:

1. Commit to attending all scheduled meetings for the week I registered for
2. Communicate to Como Education staff if I am not able to attend a session
3. Strive to be engaged in the program as this is a **career based program** designed to enhance my resume
4. Track all hours as this program is volunteer based.

NOTE: 100% attendance is not a requirement, however, strongly encouraged to experience the benefits of the program.

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand all the information in this application packet and you are committed to take the necessary steps to successfully participate in this program.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Commitment –

I understand that _____ (applicant’s name) is applying for the Youth Engagement Program @ Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and I will support their participation.

Signature of parent / guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent / guardian email: _____ Parent / guardian phone: _____

To successfully apply for the Youth Engagement Program at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory:

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