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Lincoln Park Zoo Offers Scholarships to attend Summer Camp for Free

Chicago (Jan. 18, 2012) – Despite the winter chill, it is time to start planning for summer. This year, twelve lucky kids will have an opportunity to attend Lincoln Park Zoo’s popular summer programs *Conservation Camp* and *Zoo Crew* for free. Ten scholarships are being awarded for one-week of Conservation Camp (for kids aged 4 years to Grade 4) and two scholarships are being offered for the two-week Zoo Crew program (for kids in Grades 5 – 8). Applications are available now on the zoo’s website www.lpzoo.org. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is April 9. Over the past three years the zoo has offered summer camp scholarships to 76 kids.



Conservation Camp offers kids an opportunity to explore the zoo and do activities to discover animal diversity, environmental conservation and learn ways that the zoo cares for animals and conserves them in the wild. Half-day programs, morning or afternoon sessions, are offered for kids 4 and 5 years old. Full Day programs are offered to kids in grades 1 – 4. Ten scholarships are being

offered (a value of \$310 each) for kids who demonstrate a strong desire to attend, a financial need and a letter of recommendation.

Zoo Crew is a summer learning and outreach opportunity for youth entering grades 5 - 8 this Fall. This is a two-week-long program with an overnight component on the Thursday of the second week. Participants will learn about various careers at the zoo, meet zookeepers, veterinarians and also meet and participate in field research projects with biologists and animal behavior scientists. Two scholarships are being offered (a value of \$765 each) for youth who demonstrate a strong desire to attend, a financial need and a letter of recommendation.

The application process includes: a form filled out by a parent or guardian, a recommendation from a non-related adult such as a teacher, tutor or coach, and an application filled out by the student demonstrating his or her desire to learn about wildlife. The deadline to apply is April 9.

Visit the zoo's website www.lpzoo.org/camps for camp dates, details and an application. For more information, please call Lincoln Park Zoo Education Office at (312)742-2056.

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ABOUT CHICAGO'S LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call (312)742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.