



Experience the Zoo like never before... **VOLUNTEER!**

June 2020 will mark the twelfth Anniversary of the **Honey Bee Garden** grand opening at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. Many NC beekeepers served on planning committees, assisted with building and exhibit designs, and raised money to off-set the costs of construction. NCSBA is very proud of our involvement and support of this wonderful learning space.



The North Carolina State Beekeeper Association partners with the Zoo to provide Volunteers who engage with guests at the Honey Bee Garden. Beekeepers who volunteer have shared very positive experiences from interacting with school children about the importance of pollinators, to explaining bee biology with adults who express amazement at the complexity of honeybees. Finding the queen bee is a favorite of the young, and the young at heart!

Volunteering at the Zoo requires a commitment of time with a request of two scheduled shifts each month, April-October. Many Beekeepers find themselves volunteering more often because they enjoy it so much! Beekeeper Volunteers are also invited to sell their honey and other honey related products. Weekends are very busy at the Zoo and guests enjoy honey tasting and shopping local.

Beekeepers who are volunteering primarily to receive credits toward their Master Beekeeper Certification can commit to a time-limited opportunity as noted, with approval in advance.

• *One shift per week for a minimum of eight weeks* **OR**
• *Four weekend shifts, Saturday & Sunday to be completed April-June or September-October.*

Requirements

- Attend orientation, and then complete subsequent training specific to volunteering at the Honey Bee Garden. (Training is offered in March & May.)
- Be available to serve two shifts each month, April – October
- Pay \$10 Processing Fee and purchase Zoo Volunteer Uniform. (Average costs, \$30)



Although you are volunteering as a member of the NCSBA, you are a North Carolina Zoo Volunteer! This means you receive all the perks and benefits of Volunteers, as well as follow their policies and procedures. Benefits include discounts at restaurants and gift shops, monthly Zoo Volunteer Newsletter, invitation to attend monthly Lunch & Learn programs (that often include behind the scene tours & special offerings), earn service awards, and have the opportunity to receive complimentary Zoo tickets and a Zoo membership, more. *Some benefits are based on hours of service.*

Interested in volunteering at the North Carolina Zoo, or want to learn more? Complete an online application at www.nczoo.org/volunteer and you will be contacted regarding orientation and training dates.