



Akron Zoological Park Donations to Others Guidelines

Akron Zoological Park is asked to support many worthwhile charitable causes and events each year.

While we make every effort to support as many requests as possible, due to the number of requests we receive on a monthly basis we are simply unable to accommodate all of them. Therefore, in an effort to maximize our ability to give back to the community, we have instituted guidelines for our donations.

In order for a request to be considered, requesting organizations must meet the following:

Eligibility Requirements

1. In our efforts to help preserve the environment and promote conservation, we ask that all requests are submitted online at akronzoo.org via the donation request form. We do not accept requests or inquiries about the status of a request by phone, and no phone call will be returned.
2. Your non-profit organization must have a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status. You must provide your organization's valid Tax – Exempt ID number for your request to be considered.
3. Requests must include contact name, phone number, return mailing address and email contact.
4. Requests must provide the date of the event and purpose for fundraising.
5. Your donation request must be received at least 60 days prior to the day your organization needs the item.
6. Your organization must reside within Summit, Medina, Stark, Portage, Tuscarawas, or Wayne Counties and/or serve individuals within those counties. Preference is given to organizations in Summit County.
7. Your organization must not have received a donation from Akron Zoological Park during the current calendar year. No organization is eligible to receive more than one donation per year.
8. Donations must be used as a fundraising item for an auction or raffle.
9. Adherence to these guidelines does not guarantee your request will be honored.
10. Special consideration may be made to organizations that partner with the zoo.

Following groups will not be considered:

1. Individuals / individual families
2. For profit organizations
3. Third party fundraisers

4. Political parties
5. Organizations planning to use tickets as door prize, contests, incentives or group admission.
6. Organizations requesting sponsorship or cash gifts.

Guidelines for distribution:

- All solicited requests will go through the Akron Zoological Park Development Department.
- All requests will be reviewed, approved or disapproved according to the established.
- Organizations will receive maximum of (2) Akron Zoological General Admission Guest Passes (valued up to \$12.00 each.)
- Successful applicants will receive their donation via mail unless other arrangements are required. Declined donations will be notified by email if email is provided.
- All requests should be acknowledged within 30 business days of receiving the request.
- Occasionally special donations may be offered at the discretion of the Akron Zoological Park on a case by case review.

GROUP DISCOUNTED RATES: If you are inquiring about a group visit of 15 or more guests, there is a discounted rate. Visit our web site at www.akronzoo.org or contact our Guest Services at 330-375-2550 for further assistance.

Akron Zoological Park assumes no responsibility and will not re-issue any passes that are lost, misplaced or expired. These passes are non-refundable and not permitted for re-sale on any web site, other than for the event they were offered to. All passes must be redeemed by the expiration date on the ticket, as no extension will be provided.