

## **CMZ Auxiliary DOCENT PERKS**

### **General**

The Zoo provides a variety of perks for docents, including discounts at Zoo food services and gift shops on grounds, as well as discounts on programs offered by the EdVenture Department. For a detailed explanation of these program discounts, please talk with the Director of EdVenture.

- **Visiting the Zoo and Access to Keepers:**
  - Cheyenne Mountain Zoo docents all have memberships which include special admission days and events. Docents also build relationships with zoo staff during their time and have access to contact staff with questions or guidance when appropriate.
  - Animal care staff (zoo keepers) is allowed and often invite docents to spontaneous meet and greets or defining moments. This is at the keeper's discretion, and is not guaranteed.
  
- **Docent Perks Available Immediately:**
  - 20% (minimum) Discounts at all SSA food locations and gift shop
  - Receive all Waterhole emails and Zoo Family emails
  
- **Docent Perks after X Number of Hours:**
  - After completing 96 service hours in a docent year (June-May). Docents will be eligible for a free Individual Membership.
  - After every 1,500 hours of Docent service, you will be eligible for a Defining Moment
    - Defining Moments are booked in advance through the Director of EdVenture once a certificate is received. Moments themselves are at keeper's discretion and is NOT the same as a "Behind the Scenes" or "VIP" experience-keepers can decide to spend as little or as much time during a Defining Moment as possible.
  - After 2,080 Volunteer hours, you will receive a free Zoo coat! This is the same hooded coat that all zoo staff receive.

**The Zoo recognizes the importance of our Volunteers. The Zoo is extremely grateful for all the time and energy that our Volunteers give. Each Volunteer is part of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo family and we greatly appreciate your commitment to us.**