

## Minnesota Zoo NHS Volunteering Event Summary

- **Leader(s):** Jake Hjort and Van Vu
- **Held:** December 27, 2013; January 18-20, 2014
- **Zoo Contact:** Heidi Rickert, Volunteer Coordinator, [Heidi.Rickert@state.mn.us](mailto:Heidi.Rickert@state.mn.us)
- **Initial booking:** Send an email to Heidi in October stating interest in volunteering. She then speaks with the education staff and provides us with dates and a sign-up sheet (attached)
- **Volunteer gathering:** Sign-up sheets were handed out at an NHS meeting, at which almost all of the spots were filled. A sign-up was also put on the NHS website in order to fill in remaining spots. This year a co-leader was also required, as I would be unable to attend all days, a position for which Van Vu volunteered. A list of the volunteers was then sent to Heidi.
- **December 27<sup>th</sup> day:** This day was the initial preparation day, led by Van Vu. Ten volunteers travelled down to the Minnesota Zoo, where they cut out the shapes of animals from pre-set templates in order to help the zoo prepare for the January 18-20 days.
- **January 18-20<sup>th</sup> days:** These three days were spent volunteering at the Animals, Books, Children event. Each day, 2-4 NHS volunteers arrived at the zoo, and after a short talk/paperwork session, they headed off to the event. At the event, the volunteers helped zoo attendees with the creation of pop-up books.