

EXPLORING CAREERS IN THE ZOOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Designed for Students
Grades 9th-12th
Ages 14-19

Program Length
3 hours

Park Location
Disney's Animal Kingdom®
Theme Park

SYNOPSIS

The unique setting of *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Park sets the stage for an exploration of various careers in the Zoological Sciences. Students investigate various roles that are required to care for animals along with the responsibilities associated with them.

Participants will explore some of the innovative ways that *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Park is providing excellence in animal care while addressing some of the conservation challenges facing many animals today. They'll examine the role zoos are playing in educating people about issues impacting the natural world, and how zoos affect the lives of animals in our care as well as in the wild.

In an examination of animal nutrition, students will be introduced to the diet preparation for the diversity of animals that call *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Park home. This look provides students with insights into how science and research have brought about significant changes in animal management over the last few decades.

A hands-on activity highlights how the integration of training and enrichment methods enhances the quality of life for animals in human care. Students learn that animals at *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Park serve as ambassadors for their species by connecting Guests to wildlife and wild places.

In conclusion participants are challenged to become actively engaged in the protection and preservation of wildlife and wild places.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing Exploring Careers in the Zoological Sciences, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Identify and explain various careers within the Zoological Sciences
- ✓ Articulate some of the challenges/issues impacting the natural world
- ✓ Discuss how training and enrichment methods enhance the quality of life for animals in human care
- ✓ Discuss some of ground-breaking research that is being conducted in zoos and also around the world
- ✓ Demonstrate a commonly used training method
- ✓ Inspire others to protect and preserve wildlife and wild places