

PRINCIPLES OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

Designed for Students
Grades 2nd-5th
Ages 8-11

Program Length
3 hours

Park Location
Disney's Animal Kingdom®
Theme Park

SYNOPSIS

More than just an Association of Zoo & Aquariums accredited zoo, *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park features stories about animals and the ways in which humans interact with them. It is an idyllic outdoor setting for young learners to grasp the importance and relevance of each animal species in the circle of life.

Working in teams, this learning adventure provides opportunities to develop students' observation skills and in doing so allows them to discover the difference between "looking" and observation.

Naturalistic habitats stimulate student curiosity and engage their senses as they uncover behaviors that wildlife demonstrates or passes along to offspring in order to survive and thrive within their environment. This journey explores family strategies, disruptive coloration and much more.

We'll explore the food web and its relationship to animal populations as well as discover threats that face animal inhabitants across the globe. Students will gain knowledge of the potential consequences and impact to humankind when the circle of life is out of balance.

A select attraction provides opportunities to discover animal behaviors such as foraging, grouping, resting and eliminating. Students learn how the combination of instinctive and learned behaviors help animals survive and thrive in their habitats.

Hands on activities and positive reinforcement encourage students to expand their knowledge and learn how they can make a difference to protect wild life and wild places.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing Principles of Animal Behavior, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Compare "looking" and making observations.
- ✓ Distinguish between instincts and learned behaviors.
- ✓ Model a survival technique utilized by cotton-top tamarins.
- ✓ Analyze Africa's biomes through its various landscape characteristics.
- ✓ Complete a food web and consider how it affects wildlife populations.
- ✓ Examine a variety of behaviors including vocalizing, grouping, resting, foraging, and eliminating as exhibited throughout various animal species.
- ✓ Determine how physical characteristics and adaptations contribute to an animal's survival.
- ✓ Decide how they can make a difference for wildlife and wild places.