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# SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

**Designed For Students:** Grades 6th-12th Ages 11-18

**Program Length:** 3 hours

Park:

Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park (Morning) Meet at the flagpole outside the Main Entrance (Afternoon) Meet at Garden Gate Gifts

# **OVERVIEW**

Students discover how people and animals are all connected and how each uniquely responds to environmental challenges. Students examine different perspectives on conservation and how these might impact decision-making. They will work collaboratively using their newlygained knowledge and insight to create an effective conservation action plan for a community that closely resembles some of the lands found within Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park. The importance of teamwork is reinforced as an essential tool in conservation, as well as everyday life.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

# **Everyone Has a Role in Conservation**

- Through a variety of engaging and action-oriented activities throughout the park, students learn that everyone is connected in today's world of conservation.
- Students practice diversity in thinking through the exploration of environmental issues, while discovering that conservation involves many people with different beliefs, interests, and backgrounds.
- Students use their critical thinking skills to consider issues from a broader perspective.
- By sparking new directions of thought, students will be inspired to become involved in conservation in their own lives and communities.

# **Development of Teamwork Through Conservation Challenges**

- Students travel throughout Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park where they are immersed in a variety of team-focused conservation challenges.
- Students explore how human decisions affect animals and the environment in more ways than they may have imagined.
- Challenges to fossil fuel and renewable energy usage are investigated with an emphasis on development and consumption.
- A ride on the DINOSAUR attraction provides students an opportunity to see when and where fossil fuels were created.
- Through the exploration of culture and myth, students gain insight into the lives and beliefs of different people and their view of animals.
- Navigating through the land of Asia, students see firsthand how ecotourism is a positive travel approach for local residents, businesspeople, scientists, visitors, and animals.

# **GROUP LEADER RESOURCES**

**A video overview** of *Sustainable Practices in Wildlife* is available on the Disney Youth Programs YouTube Channel.

**National Standards** aligned with this program are available at DisneyYES.com.



Disney Youth Education Series programs are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission.



Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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