

DISNEY Y.E.S. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



“TEAM UP FOR WILDLIFE”

NATURAL SCIENCE

Grade Levels:
6th-12th

Program Length:
3 hours

This program is aligned with National Science and Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Meeting Location:

(Morning) Outside the *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Main Entrance, at the Flagpole.

(Afternoon) Inside *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park, at Garden Gate Gifts.

OBJECTIVE

Inspire students to play an active part in the protection and preservation of wildlife and wild places and provide them with the tools to make effective conservation decisions.

KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Everyone Has a Role in Conservation!

Students learn about diversity by discovering that conservation involves many people with different beliefs, interests and backgrounds.

- Students are encouraged to think from a broader perspective.
- Through a variety of exercises and in-park activities, students learn that everyone is connected in today's world of conservation.
- From scientist to businessperson, tourist to resident, everyone gets involved.

Development of Teamwork Through Conservation Challenges

Together as a team, students travel throughout *Disney's Animal Kingdom*, immersing themselves in conservation challenges.

- We, too, are a part of the ecosystem! Students explore how human decision-making affects animals and the environment.
- Challenges to fossil fuel and renewable energy usage are discussed focusing on human development and consumption. A ride on *Dinosaur!* provides students the opportunity to see when and where fossil fuels were created.
- Through exploration of culture and myth in conservation, students gain insight into the lives and beliefs of native peoples and their view of animals.
- Navigating through Discovery Island, students see firsthand how ecotourism is a positive alternative for all parties involved—including residents, businesspersons, scientists, tourists and animals.

How Can We Help?

- Using problem-based learning, students create a conservation action plan with their new skills and fresh mindset.
- The importance of teamwork is enforced as both an important tool in conservation and everyday life.
- Choose your adventure! Students choose between three ecotourism adventures in Asia.

THE DISNEY DIFFERENCE

- The program is designed to spark new directions of thought, and inspire students to become involved in conservation in their own lives and communities.
- Trained and knowledgeable *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® educators lead this high quality and educationally sound program, while never forgetting that fun is a vital part of learning.

