Welcome to Conservancy Kids!

Become a junior scientist, exploring the natural world, asking questions, and making discoveries. Join us for an adventure that will take you outdoors, around the house, and into the incredible Sonoran Desert.

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Learning from the Past

When we talk about history—things that happened hundreds and thousands of years ago—it's easy to wonder why that information matters. How does human history in the Sonoran Desert affect us today and why should we care? Well, history helps us learn about ourselves. Even though we're talking about people who lived thousands of years ago, they were still human just like us. By understanding what has happened in the past, we can better understand our place in the world today and where we'd like to go in the future.

Travelling Back in Time

People started living in the Sonoran Desert thousands of years ago. They didn't have electricity, air conditioning, or grocery stores, but they were able to successfully survive in this extreme environment. We call these people the "archaic" peoples and they were the precursor to the Native American tribes that emerged about 2,000 years ago. Join Franco and Len as they take us on a journey of what it was like to live in the Sonoran Desert 7,000 years ago!

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Nicole Kallman, Education Manager
Nicole loves science and exploration. In college, she studied physics and biology. Now, she shares her excitement about science with others, encouraging everyone to follow in the footsteps of Miss Frizzle: "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"

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Luke Challis
Luke loves science and being out and about in nature! He studies a lot about biology, ways of thinking, and philosophy. Luke also loves to teach and encourage kids and adults to always keep learning.

Franco and Len, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Stewards
Franco and Len love history! As stewards with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, they volunteer their time to educate people about the incredible human history of the Sonoran Desert. They believe that studying history helps us discover solutions for the problems of today and develop a deeper appreciation of the land.