

Conservancy Kids

We bring the Sonoran Desert to you!



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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. Welcome to Conservancy Kids! We're excited to see you!

Amazing Arthropods

What in the world is an arthropod? An arthropod is an invertebrate animal that has an exoskeleton, a segmented body, and paired jointed appendages. Whoa, that's a lot of information! Let's break it down: An arthropod is any animal that does not have a backbone, has a skeleton on the outside of their body (humans have theirs on the inside), has defined body parts (think about the body parts on an ant), and has limbs that bend (like our knees and elbows) Arthropods are EVERYWHERE--they make up over 80% of all known living animals. Join Luke as he hangs out with ants, one type of cool arthropod!



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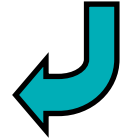


Giant Hairy Scorpions, Oh My!

They're creepy, they're crawly, and they're so cool! Giant Hairy Scorpions are the largest scorpion in North America and only live in the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts. These hairy arthropods may look scary, but like all animals, they are an important part of the ecosystem and won't hurt you as long as you give them space and respect. Join Rich to learn more about this amazing arthropod!



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Arthropod Activity

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Connect a kid to nature



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.



Rich Cochran, MD

Science has always been a large part of Rich's life during undergraduate, graduate and medical schools and throughout his career. After retiring, Rich has focused on studying and learning about the Sonoran Desert, especially the Arthropods that inhabit it. He is one of the Conservancy's Nature Guides and loves educating children and adults about the Sonoran Desert.