

# 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!

## Bats, Glorious Bats!

Bats, glorious bats! These furry little flying mammals help reduce bug populations, pollinate plants, and have super special poop called guano that is one of nature's best fertilizers. Sometimes bats get a bad name, but we love them and so does our Sonoran Desert.



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## Interview with a Big Brown Bat

Bats are amazing creatures! They are the only mammals that can fly, they pollinate some of our favorite fruits, and they are important to the Sonoran Desert ecosystem and ecosystems around the world. Join Nicole as she interviews her friend, the big brown bat, and learns more about these incredible animals.



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## Help Our Amazing Bats!

- Never touch a bat--it can be harmful to both you and the bat.
- If you see a bat that needs help, call Arizona Game and Fish (602-942-3000).
- When possible, use fewer pesticides around your home to protect bats from poisoning.
- Supervise pets if they go outside to keep both your furry friends and bats safe
- If you or anyone you know likes to explore caves, make sure it's done safely for both you and bats in the cave.
- Learn about bats! Talk to family and friends about why bats are awesome and important to our ecosystem.
- Check out the Arizona Game and Fish bat cam: <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/viewing/webcamlist/bats/bat-cam/>

## Connect!

Check out more Conservancy Kids Newsletters at <https://www.mcdowellsonoran.org/education>



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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.



Tiffany Sprague, Parsons Field Institute Manager

Tiffany has devoted her life to protecting our natural world while educating and inspiring others to do the same. As a wildlife biologist, she has studied a diversity of wildlife and habitats across Arizona, ranging from bats to black-footed ferrets to snakes. She loves sharing her passion for the Sonoran Desert and all things wild.