

# 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!

## Fire in the Desert

It's hot, it's dry, it's wildfire season in Arizona! While we wait for the monsoon rains, this landscape becomes the perfect setting for blazing fires. Nine out of ten wildfires are started because of human actions, so it's up to all of us to protect our incredible Sonoran Desert.



Click to watch!



## Help Prevent Desert Wildfires

The Bush fire started in mid-June and has burned over 193,455 acres of desert near the Superstition mountains. That's about the same size as New York City--a huge amount of land! This fire is now one of the five largest fires in Arizona's history. Mary Fastiggi, Parsons Field Institute Coordinator, joins us today to talk about why wildfires are so devastating for the desert ecosystem and what we can do to help prevent them.



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## Be a part of the solution!

Learn more about Desert Defenders and how to get involved:  
<https://cazca.org/project/desert-defenders/>

Learn more about how the Bush fire and other wildfires impact our desert:  
<https://www.mcdowellsonoran.org/2020/6109>

If you see a fire, call the Arizona Interagency Dispatch Center: (800) 309-7081  
Remember, seconds count!

Always follow fire restrictions. Together, we can protect our Sonoran Desert from wildfires!

## Connect!

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



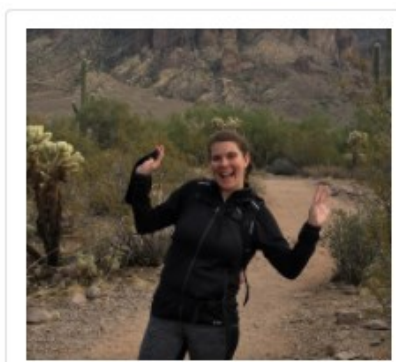
## Connect a kid to nature



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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Mary Fastiggi, Parsons Field Institute Manager

Mary is passionate about nature conservation, outdoor environmental education, and exploring everything Arizona. She moved to the Sonoran Desert two years ago from Dearborn, Michigan for graduate school, and quickly fell in love with this unique ecosystem and the human history of the American Southwest.

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