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!

Curious as a Cat

Maybe Luke and Nicole are a little biased because they both have pet cats, but they think our Sonoran Desert felines are amazing! While Arizona has had sightings of jaguars, ocelots, and jaguarundis, bobcats and mountain lions are the most well-known and prevalent desert felines. Both bobcats and mountain lions are considered "small cats," meaning they can purr but not roar. In fact, mountain lions are the largest small cat in the world. Learn more about these awesome animals with Luke in the video below.



Click to watch!



Let's be Junior Scientists

You can learn a lot about an animal from their skull--are they predator or prey? What do they eat? What are some of their unique adaptations? Join Luke and Nicole as they explore the skulls of two of our most charismatic desert creatures: the bobcat and the mountain lion!



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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.