# 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!

#### Share the Trail with Snakes!

The temperatures are rising and with the heat come awesome snakes! Arizona is home to over 50 species of snakes and each is an important part of the ecosystem. Remember to be a scientist and use your senses of hearing and sight to safely share the trails with our slithery friends.



Click to watch!



### Let's be a scientist!

Rattlesnakes are one of the most well-known types of Sonoran Desert snakes and they're pretty cool--but only if they're in the shade! Snakes are ectotherms, meaning their body temperature is determined by outside conditions. So, when you see a snake sunning itself on a rock or the trail, it's trying to warm up so it can start the day. Check out the video below and learn more about rattlesnakes with Luke and Nicole.



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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.