

Free Virtual Field Trips

When in-person field trips and classroom programs aren't possible – go virtual! Through a combination of animal artifacts, games, and stories, park naturalists bring science concepts to life for your students. All programs are live and interactive!



Topics

Kindergarten – Animal Friends

- Mystery boxes - guess which animal is inside?
- Story: “The Animals Who Changed Their Colors”
 - how are animals adapted to their habitats?
- Matching game – what do animals eat?

1st Grade – Animals Prepare for Winter

- Examination of animal artifacts
 - what are animals' different winter survival strategies?
- Hibernation/migration story
 - the turtle who wished to fly like a bird
- Hibernation activity – dressing up like a woodchuck



2nd Grade – Animals in the Dark

- Virtual night hike
 - what kinds of animals are active at night?
- Match-up challenge
 - how are animals adapted to eat different foods?
- Life cycle exploration
 - how do different kinds of animals grow and develop?

3rd Grade – Animal Adaptations

- Story: “The Rabbit Who Tried To Be Like An Otter”
 - how are animals adapted to different lifestyles?
- Science experiments – how are birds' bills adapted for different kinds of food?
- Camouflage exploration
 - how does this help animals survive?



4th Grade – Predators and Prey

- Pyramid of life demonstration – what happens when there are too many predators?
- Animal artifacts discovery – how do a predator's body parts help it hunt?
- Game – guess the identity of the predator and prey

5th Grade – Indiana Habitats

- Puzzle – what are the components of a habitat?
- Clue boxes – guess the animals that live in each habitat
- Matching game – which animal belongs in which habitat and why?

How does it work?

- Choose a program topic. Program topics can be adapted to any age.
- Call 574-654-3155 or email afarrough@sjcparks.org to book a program.

