

2024-2025

School Assembly and NGSS Programs

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DISCOUNTS**

What Parents and Educators Say About Wildmind

“I usually have to push to get any information from my 4th grade son about school. Not these past weeks as his class was doing the NGSS unit in his classroom. He would come home every night, excited to talk about what he was learning. As a parent, it was so exciting to see him so engaged to learn and so motivated to come up with solutions to help animals.”

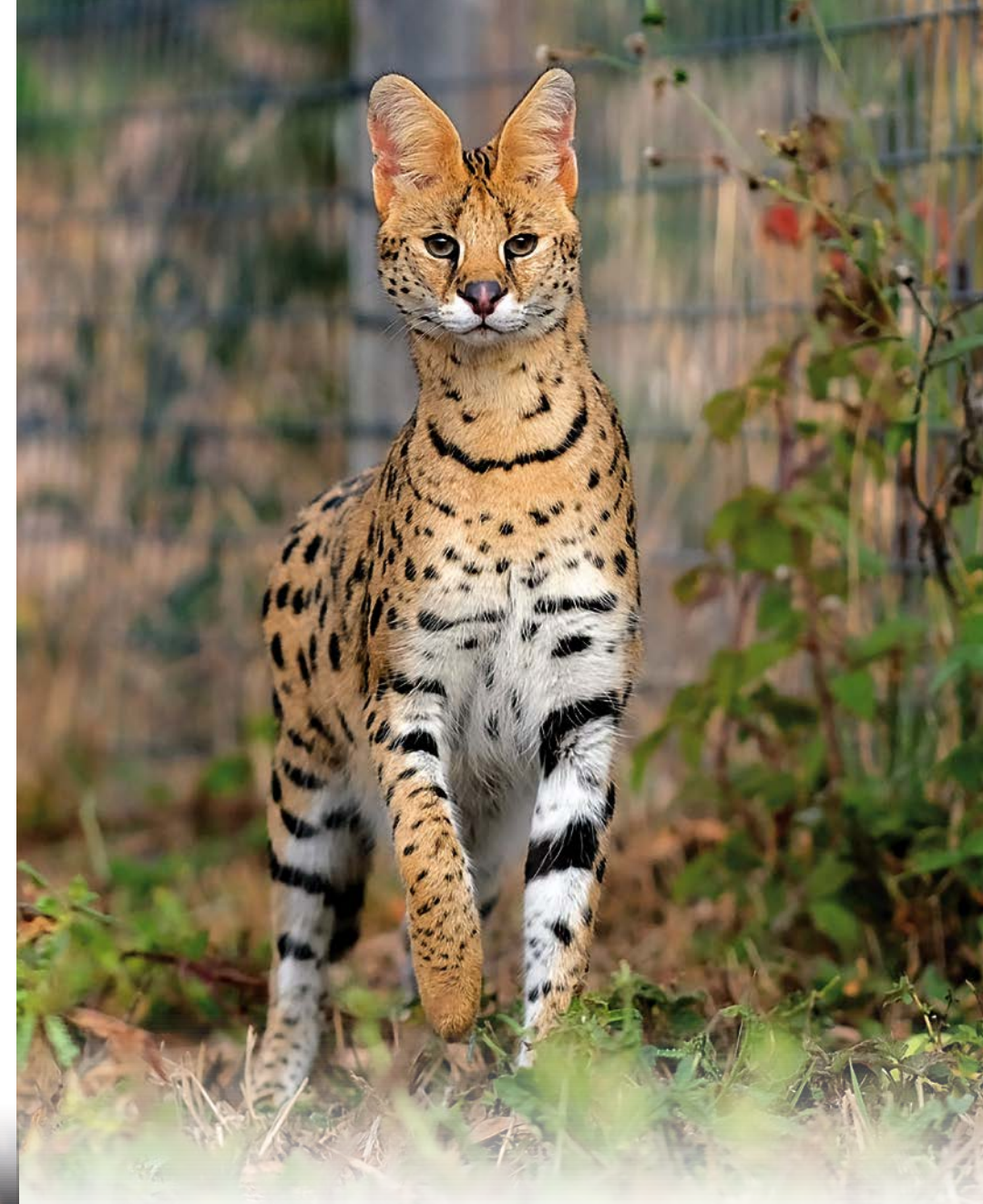
— Parent

“The Wildmind units give all students, even those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who haven't been to a zoo or a museum, opportunities to apply their reading, writing, and math skills to solve a real-world problem. The Wildmind lessons are a welcomed break from the usual diet of worksheets used in science education. Teachers have noticed that students are more engaged during these lessons and students have asked if they can learn like this all the time. Teachers were concerned that the student-centered approach to learning would be too difficult for their students but became amazed at the level of writing and speaking their students demonstrated during their end of unit presentations. For some teachers, this experience has increased the academic expectations they have for their students, and the children continue to rise to these higher expectations.”

— Office of Education Administrator

“The Wildmind assemblies are always so powerful. The kids are thoroughly mesmerized by the animals and the educators. As a teacher, I appreciate the staff's ability to engage all the students during the presentation as well as convey such respect and empathy to the kids, modeling such positive attitudes and motivating the students.”

— Teacher



Embedded in all of our programs, using the animals' stories of resilience and ability to adapt, are the pillars of social and emotional development: **empathy, engagement, problem solving and decision making, awareness of our impact on others, developing trust, and building healthy relationships.**

Wildmind's wild animal teachers inspire students to become engaged in learning and appreciating our connection to the environment to prepare them to become dedicated stewards. Our learning model has been perfected and proven by conducting nearly 20,000 school programs, enabling students to have a greater connection to the natural world, strengthen their respect for all living things and are provided the foundation to be future conservation leaders.

Our live animal programs are fun, exciting and educational. Book multiple programs and receive a discount!

**Contact us today:
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SCIENCE AND STORYTELLING TO CONNECT STUDENTS
TO NATURE AND EACH OTHER





Safe and Practicing Social Distancing

OUR TEAM IS VACCINATED

For 40 years, we have kept you, your students and our animals safe.

- ▶ Wildmind's priorities are the safety and security of your students and our animal ambassadors.
- ▶ We bring our own equipment to each on-site assembly and travel with disinfecting materials.
- ▶ We have always adhered to safety distance practices for the protection of our animals that exceeds the 6 foot social distance recommendations.
- ▶ We will call upon arrival for parking and unloading instructions, eliminating the need to enter your school's office.

Wildmind (formerly Wildlife Associates) is a non-profit education organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are nationally recognized for our exciting, dynamic and safe presentations.

We operate year-round with a team of expert wildlife and education specialists, and provide a forever home to non-releasable wild animals at our wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center.

Our wild animal ambassadors help nurture empathy, respect, and our important connection to nature and each other.

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Live Animal Assembly Programs at Your School

These presentations feature our live wild animal teachers to help your students develop respect and empathy. We also provide environmental oriented images and vocabulary to enhance your students learning and align with NGSS.

Animals of the Americas

Skunk • Harris Hawk • Boa • Raven • Tamandua

The Americas extend from the chilly north to the arid deserts and down to the critical rainforests. These varied ecosystems contain some of the most amazing animal habitats. Discover how these animals survive and thrive through their connections with other living things as they help sustain life on our planet.

Our Native Wildlife

Grey Fox • Tortoise • Hawk • Raccoon • Vulture

Some of the same species of wildlife can be found from California to Connecticut, Alaska to Arkansas and nearly every state in between. These intriguing animals can live in a variety of ecosystems throughout different habitats across the United States. Your students will gain insight into the adaptations and behaviors that enable these ecologically important animals to survive and do their jobs. For out of state virtual programs, we will mention your state during the presentation so the students appreciate these wild neighbors.

Animals of the Rainforest

Macaw • Coendou • Skink • Spectacled Owl • Armadillo

Transport your school to some of the most wondrous rainforests of the world. Students will see unusual and awe-inspiring animals and come to better understand the tropical rainforest and its plants, wildlife and people.

Predators and Prey

Augur Buzzard • Kingsnake • Porcupine • Opossum • Serval

These incredible animals from around the world offer a fascinating way for your students to learn science. The predator-prey relationship is key to understanding the balance of nature and the importance of biodiversity to give us an appreciation of the vital role predators play in healthy ecosystems. INDOOR PROGRAM ONLY.

COST & LENGTH

- ▶ One assembly: \$550. A second assembly given directly after the first: \$450.
- ▶ It is most effective to group your students by grade level.
- ▶ Assembly lasts about 45 minutes.
- ▶ As experienced educators, we adapt our programs to meet the specific ages and grade levels of each audience.
- ▶ Book two or more back to back programs by Sept 1, 2024, and schedule them before December 20, 2024, to receive an additional \$50 off per program.

Travel fees may apply for schools outside Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

Virtual Assembly Programs

We offer a virtual version of the 5-animal outreach assembly programs listed on the left, up to three grades at a time, and due to travel cost savings, we are able to provide discounted pricing.

COST

- ▶ One virtual assembly: \$450. Additional assemblies given directly after the first: \$400 each.
- ▶ Book two or more back to back programs by Sept 1, 2024, and schedule them before December 20, 2024, to receive an additional \$50 off per program.

Virtual Classroom Programs

These 30-minute virtual presentations are designed to meet your time constraints while still teaching important science standards. Up to 100 students.

Critical Creepy Critters

Cornsnake • Skink • Tarantula

Necessary Native Neighbors

Grey Fox • Hawk • Raccoon

Pollinators, Predators & Prey

Tamandua • Opossum • Serval

Fantastic Rainforest Fauna

Boa • Spectacled Owl • Armadillo

We can also customize a virtual program based on your specific classroom curriculum. Please contact us to create a program just for you.

COST

- ▶ One program: \$295. Additional programs given directly after the first: \$220 each.
- ▶ Book two or more back to back programs by Sept 1, 2024, and schedule them before December 20, 2024, to receive an additional \$25 off per program.



Each animal's welfare is our primary concern so at times there may be changes to a program lineup.



Distance Learning Science Classroom Units

These project-based units embed scientific practices and skills, with content and storyline-based curriculum. We offer Elementary (3rd-5th grades) and Middle School units.

- ▶ Solution based, grade appropriate and standards aligned units designed for classroom instruction.
- ▶ Unit begins with live video-conference with two animal ambassadors to engage and motivate students. Seeing animals up-close – projected in your class or their computer at home – provides an optimal opportunity to learn science and work together to pursue solutions to a real environmental concern.
- ▶ Units provide online curriculum for the classroom teacher to implement – including online lesson plans, activities, supplemental materials, Common Core links, evaluation criteria, and support from Wildmind educators throughout the unit.
- ▶ Overwhelming positive feedback from administrators, teachers and students since piloted in 2017.

Each lesson connects to NGSS via bundled:

Performance Expectations (PE), which are aligned to **Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs)**, **Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs)** and **Crosscutting Concepts (CCCs)**. They also align with select **CCSA-ELA** skills as well as **California State Environmental Principles and Concepts (EP&C)**. The colors corresponding to these standards appear throughout the lesson plans and are consistent with NGSS color schemes.

COST & LENGTH

- ▶ One classroom unit, per grade, is \$250. Each additional back to back unit, to the same grade, is \$100 each. If presenting the same introduction to multiple classrooms at one time for a school, the cost is \$395.
- ▶ Each unit begins with a live videoconference with our educators and our wild animals.
- ▶ The online lessons and activities are then led by the classroom teacher and can be completed in 2-3 weeks, depending on the pace set by the teacher.
- ▶ **EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT** Book two or more back to back programs of the same grade and at the same school by Sept 1, 2024, and schedule them before December 20, 2024, to receive an additional \$25 off per program.