



LIVING WILD

Level: **Grades 6-8**

Length: **45 minutes**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Discover the wonders of the animal kingdom as you meet members of Fernbank’s live animal collection. Insects, reptiles and amphibians will help your students understand habitats, adaptations, and the important roles these animals play in the environment. Our animal ambassadors will inspire your students to appreciate and protect the natural world.

CURRICULUM CORRELATIONS

Students will:

1. Discuss the taxonomic classification of major animal groups and compare their physical characteristics. **S7L1**
2. Discuss the roles of animals in the food chain as consumers and as prey to other animals. **S7L4a,b**
3. Study the behavior and life history of animals, focusing on their survival adaptations. **S7L4a**
4. Discover the importance of animals in the environment. **S7L4a**

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How are *structure* and *function* related in organisms?

PROGRAM VOCABULARY

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| Adaptation | Classification | Habitat | Keystone Species | Niche |
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ASSOCIATED VOCABULARY

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| Camouflage | Cold-Blooded | Food Chain/Web | Invertebrate | Vertebrate |
| Carnivore | Endangered | Herbivore | Omnivore | Warm-Blooded |

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Access to additional resources, including pre- and post-program activities will be available through Fernbank’s virtual learning platform, Moodle.com. You will be provided registration access prior to your program date to establish your Moodle account.