Educators and scientists come together at the largest zoo-based research facility in the world for a free, one-of-a-kind, hands-on, behind-the-scenes experience in wildlife conservation!

Apply today to join us this summer for a fully-funded, 3-day, 2-night residential workshop for middle/high/informal science educators, held at the San Diego Zoo Beckman Center for Conservation Research in Escondido, California.

Our program offers educators the opportunity to study the science of saving plants and animals worldwide, all while gathering stories, activities, and lessons framed in the context of conservation science.

Applicants are encouraged to apply in school site teams of two. These teams can be cross-curricular and cross-grade level (6-12+), provided there is at least one science educator. Team members should plan to attend the same session together if selected.

2023 Sessions:
- July 10-12
- July 17-19
- July 24-26
- July 31-Aug 2
- August 7-9

Teacher Workshops Include:
- All meals & lodging
- Behind-the-scenes experiences
- $500 stipend (after full participation)
- Private talks from scientists & wildlife care staff
- Conservation science activities and modules
- Access to 3 continuing education units

Application Deadline:
April 9, 2023

https://science.sandiegozoo.org/teacherworkshops

Contact:
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“I have been teaching for twenty years and have been involved in summer learning opportunities in over half of them. The amount of information and supplies I can use with my students has never been matched.”

“This is hands-down the best professional development/teacher workshop I’ve attended. Not only do I feel pampered and have lessons to use in my classroom, I’m also leaving with a new passion and dedication for conservation.”

“It not only gave a burnt-out teacher the inspiration and excitement to carry on to the next year, but it helped me generate so many ideas and ways that I can use this in my curriculum.”

2022 ALUMNI
About Us:
The San Diego Zoo’s research facility is located adjacent to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in Escondido, CA. With over 200 researchers here and at field sites around the world year round, we are the largest multidisciplinary research team based at a zoo.

Conservation Science Teams:
- Community Engagement
- Conservation Genetics
- Plant Conservation
- Population Sustainability
- Recovery Ecology
- Reproductive Sciences

Experiencing the Safari Park
The San Diego Zoo Safari Park is an expansive wildlife sanctuary home to more than 1.7 million plants, and 3,200 animals representing more than 350 species. Teachers will learn how our captive population of endangered species contributes to our conservation mission through studies in animal behavior and climate science, evening talks and guided walks, a photo caravan safari, and free time to explore the Park.

Experimenting in the Lab
In the state-of-the-art Conservation Education Lab, teachers learn through hands-on experiments about the innovative science that our researchers are using to conserve endangered species around the world. Teachers come away with new and exciting ways to engage students with lab-based science in disciplines related to genetics, reproduction sciences, spatial ecology, and climate impacts on species.

Exploring Field Methods
In the Eddy Family Outdoor Learning Lab, teachers explore the critically endangered coastal sage scrub habitat. In this beautiful setting, they have the opportunity to explore methods for biodiversity monitoring, habitat restoration, and remote sensing, all while learning how new technologies in ecology can be brought to life in the classroom.

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Applications close April 9th, 2023 with waitlists