

The **Wildlife Connection**

Education Programs *from the* Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary



For 31 years the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary has been bringing people closer to the fauna that share this incredible ecosystem with us. We're much more than just a place to look at animals, though.

The Sanctuary has a full-time Education Department tasked with teaching people about the animals of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and spreading a message of wildlife conservation. We can work with your class in the school, in the field, or at the Sanctuary, using prepared curricula or customized presentations for any age group.

If you're looking for a wildlife education partner, you've found one, at the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary in Red Lodge, Montana!

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At the Sanctuary

Bringing your students to the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary gives them an opportunity to see native wildlife up close, and we can do a lot to make the experience even more memorable.

They'll meet a wide variety of mammals, including bears, felines, canines, rodents, and the iconic American bison. We also have wading birds, a variety of birds of prey, and corvids.



School groups get a substantial discount on visits with a tour. Instead of our regular \$4 to \$10 admission rate, your class can come to YWS for only \$3 per person, and that same rate applies to students, teachers, and assistants. We'll even waive the standard \$25 tour fee.

During the tour, we'll provide age-appropriate messaging to the students about the different animal species and individuals, and the importance of both physical and mental health to the animals' well-being.

Your students will learn about the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and how each of our animals fits in.

At the end of the tour, they'll understand the difference between a rehabilitation center, a wildlife sanctuary, a breeding facility, and a zoo.

If your class is in the middle of a unit, we'll be happy to tailor the tour to what they're currently studying.

When the tour is over, you can head right back, or stay for lunch in our wooded picnic area.



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**Classifying
Yellowstone
Mammals**

*What are mammals and
which ones live around
here?*

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**Montana
Reptiles**

*What they are and
how to coexist with them*

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**Poop
Science**

*What do scientists learn
from animal poop?*

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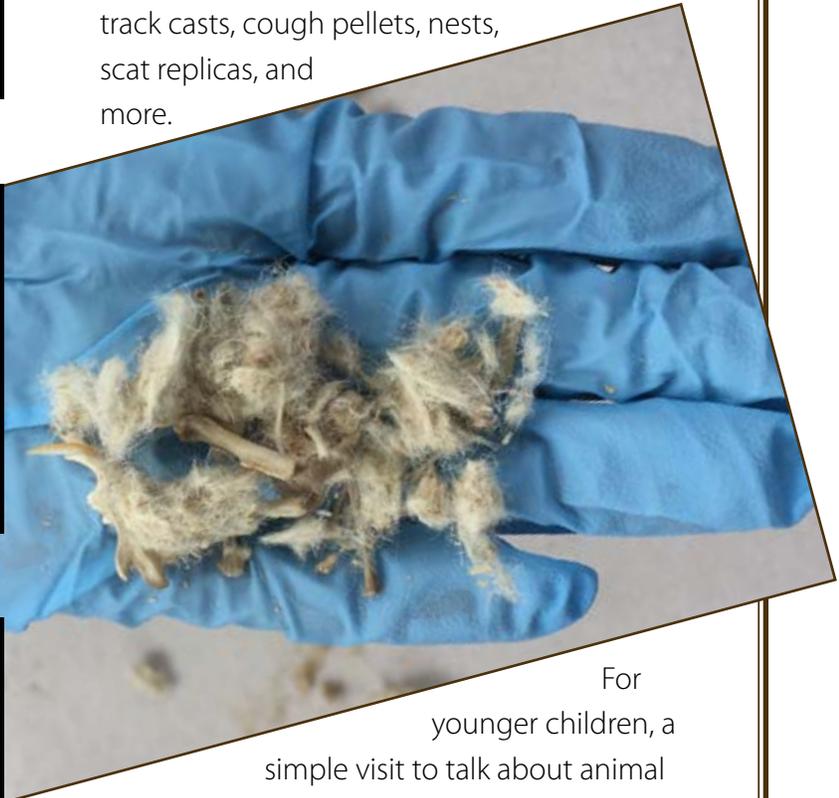
**Healthy
Animal
Brains**

*Healthy brains, healthy
bodies, and how we keep
them that way*

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In Your Classroom

Our prepared courses can be tailored to fit your class, and we can work with you to prepare other courses around the resources we have available, including biofacts such as skulls, fur, feathers, track casts, cough pellets, nests, scat replicas, and more.



For younger children, a simple visit to talk about animal sanctuaries, rescue centers, and zoos can be educational and so much fun the kids will talk about it for weeks!

School visits in Carbon County are free. Adjacent counties (Park, Stillwater, Yellowstone, and Big Horn in Montana; Park and Big Horn in Wyoming) pay only a \$120 fee to cover travel time and expenses.



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Summer Camps

Each summer, we put on a series of camps on the Sanctuary grounds ranging in length from one day to a full week. Popular camps include:

Junior Keeper Camp

Campers in two different age groups get a hands-on look at what animal keepers do and learn how we take care of the animals.



Wildlife Art Camp

This full-week camp introduces campers to drawing and sculpting animals in a variety of media from pencil to oil paint.

Poop Science Camp

Our Education Director, the author of the *Who Pooped in the Park?* books, teaches kids about animal scat identification, diet, dentition, health checks, parasites, and more.

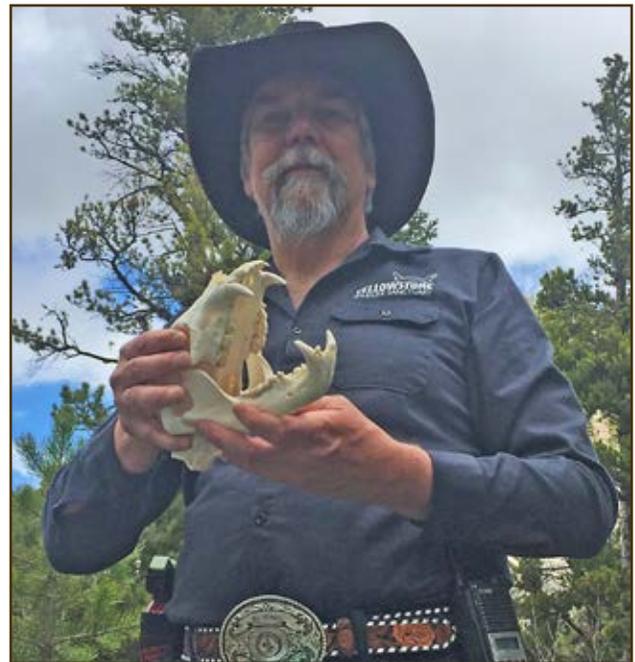


Keep up with our summer 2019 plans on our website, Facebook, or Twitter.

Outreach Events

Throughout the year, we participate in offsite special events like Wild Bill Days, Earth Day celebrations, and summer school visits. We partner with a variety of organizations like the U.S. Forest Service, the Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County, and the Wildlife Habitat Council.

We have a wide variety of education materials that we bring to the events.



If your school or organization is planning an event focused on science, wildlife, or conservation, let us know. We may be able to partner with you!

