



Endangered Species Day is May 19, 2017

How Schools Can Participate in Endangered Species Day

The 12th annual national Endangered Species Day that takes place on May 19, 2017 provides schools with significant opportunities to be involved in a nationwide environmental and educational event. First approved by the U.S. Senate in 2006, the purpose of Endangered Species Day is to expand awareness of the importance of endangered species/habitat conservation and to share success stories of species recovery.

Each year, schools, libraries, zoos, parks, aquariums, parks, botanic centers and wildlife refuges throughout the country participate with tours, open houses, lectures, exhibits and other activities.

There are several ideal options for teachers and their classes to participate in Endangered Species Day. This backgrounder provides an overview of ways that schools can participate, along with other information and how you can obtain various materials (bookmarks, stickers, activity sheets) that can be downloaded and printed.

Resources:

The Endangered Species Day website (www.endangeredspeciesday.org) includes a variety of resources to help plan campus activities. For example, the Toolkit includes:

Steps to Plan/Host Endangered Species Day Events

An Endangered Species Reading List

Materials that can be downloaded and printed, including coloring/activity sheets, a passport, stickers, signs and bookmarks.

In addition, the Teacher Resource Center includes an Endangered Species Lesson Plan, podcasts, teacher videos and other information.

If you have questions regarding Endangered Species Day, specific event opportunities, available resources or other areas, please contact David Robinson, Endangered Species Day
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