



# conservation champions FESTIVAL

## WHAT ARE CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS?

The Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo's Conservation Champions program invites young people to join us in our mission to sustain wildlife and wild places. This program gives students the opportunity to explore their passion and take action for the natural world around them.

## ELIGIBILITY

This exciting opportunity is open to all classes who have registered in a school program for the 2022/2023 year. If you haven't booked your program yet, you can do so [here](#).

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

The Conservation Champions Festival is a completely subsidized program. As part of this, participating classes will receive:

- A one day invite to the on-site festival with free admission and bussing
- Access to a virtual classroom on Canvas where you will find engaging videos to spark learning curiosity, informational newsletters, and optional classroom activities.

## CONSERVATION ACTION PROJECT

The Conservation Champions project gives students an opportunity to design and lead an initiative to address conservation and sustainability issues they care about.

## CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL

The Conservation Champions Festival will take place on May 3rd and 4th, 2023. Your class will be invited to attend one of these days to celebrate and share with the public the projects they worked so hard to create.





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**1**

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FEB

## **REGISTER FOR CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS**

Register for the Conservation Champions Festival after you register in a school program using the [form here](#). Registration is easy and will take you about 5 minutes to complete!

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## **TEACHER WORKSHOP & CANVAS CLASSROOM**

Attend a teacher workshop to get familiar with the program. Following that, you will gain access to the virtual Canvas classroom. Explore the amazing resources on Canvas like engaging videos to spark learning curiosity, informational newsletters, and optional classroom activities.

**3**

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## **DECIDE ON AN ANIMAL & RESEARCH**

Choose an [animal](#) housed at the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo, or one of our [conservation programs](#). Research conservation actions that can be done to support these animals in the wild. Start planning a conservation action project that your class can engage in to support this animal.

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APRIL

## **CONSERVATION ACTION PROJECT**

In preparation for the festival, your class will make:

- One 2-minute video about their conservation project (due April 2023)
- A learning artefact viewable by all zoo guests during the festival

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MAY

## **CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL**

Your class will attend one day of the festival (May 2-4, 2023) to celebrate the projects and the journey you and your students went on to complete them. On this day, your class will:

- Present their project for an hour in small groups
- Explore other Conservation Champions projects
- Explore the zoo!