

Educational Program Outline

Title: Mammal Mania

Content Area: Science

Lesson Description: Hands-on activities and observations of skins, bones, and live or mounted specimens allow students to learn first hand about the fur-bearing creatures of the animal kingdom. Students will participate in guessing games and classification activities to help them learn how we are similar to other creatures in our mammal class!

Theme: Mammals bear fur, have live births and produce milk for their young.

Mammals are vertebrates, warm-blooded, large-brained, and have glands in their skin. They care for their young, and the mother provides nourishment with milk. With few exceptions, they have hair and give birth to live young.

Teacher Preparation:
20-30 minutes

Time to Complete: Pre-site 15-30 minutes
On-site 1hr-2hrs
Post site 15-30 minutes

Materials, Equipment, Resources Included: Pre and post site worksheets
Tracks, stamps, bones, furs, mammal resource cards (in Mammal Bin-
onsite and outreach programs) Dress up bag (optional on-site activity)

Materials, Equipment, Resources NOT Included: Mammal book (optional)

Pre-site Activities: Pre-site worksheet (appendix A)

Optional-Make a Venn diagram with traits of three different mammals, including humans. What do humans and the others have in common? What makes humans unique?

