

Elementary school educators, hello!

Welcome to the Defenders of Wildlife, Kids' Planet, Teacher's Table Jaguar Curriculum. "Team Jaguar" of the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders, Class of 2008 created this curriculum to facilitate elementary school classroom exploration of the unique aspects of jaguar conservation. It is tailored for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and designed for flexibility. Teachers can extract one of three lesson plans to offer, teach up to all three in a workshop format, or even break one lesson plan up into subcomponents to personally design their own course. Lesson plans incorporate common curriculum standard subjects for elementary school: reading comprehension, science, and social studies.

Our three lesson plans include an introductory overview of the jaguar species entitled *Jaguar Biology, Ecology, and Conservation*; a critical thinking module entitled *Fact and Opinion in Persuasive Writing: The Pros and Cons of the US-Mexico Border Fence, and Its Relationship to the Jaguar*; and a social conflict resolution piece called *Jaguar Conflict Resolution*. Lesson plans can take from one to four typical class periods. We also provide a Jaguar Trunk that includes a jaguar skull replica, an authentic radio collar used to track jaguars in the field, and a camera "trap" used to record jaguar presence without disturbing the animal in its habitat at all. These educational items enhance the jaguar overview lesson. This Trunk is available via loan by contacting the Defenders of Wildlife Arizona Office at:

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We conclude our curriculum with an evaluation. We invite students and teachers to provide feedback, and empower us to improve future versions.

Please explore our curriculum, employ it in the classroom, and let us know what you think!

Sincerely,

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