Animal Adaptations
74264 DVD 24 min PJ 2003 Distribution Access
Welcome to Camp Wilderness! Join Counselor Tom and the campers of Team Five as they travel through the animal kingdom and learn about the adaptations animals have to make in order to live and prosper. This program covers both the physical and behavioral adaptations of animals in regards to getting food, water, oxygen, protection from predators, shelter, and reproduction. Students will learn just how important adaptation is in the survival of all animal species.
No Other Versions Available

Bears on the Black Run
73862 DVD 30 min JI 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Two families of black bears have made their homes on and around Whistler Mountain, the largest ski resort in Canada. Set against some of the most stunning scenery in British Columbia, we follow a year in the life of two mother bears Jess and Marissa as they find food for their cubs. One family opts for a wild existence but the other one heads into town. How will they fare with the neighbouring bears and skiers? Innovative visual techniques are used to follow the bears and for the first time thermal-imagery cameras reveal new born cubs in the den under the snow.
No Other Versions Available

Bert the Beaver
73915 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Bert the Beaver is two years old. Like other rodents, beavers have huge incisors that wear down at the back faster than at the front, like self-sharpening chisels. Beavers live for about 10 years, they mate for life and they will do everything together. Bert and his mate have their own bit of river in the Tetons Mountains of Wyoming, USA. There, after 20 days of hard work, they have built their own home or lodge - a log cabin with hidden underwater entrances so they can dart in and out under the safety of the water. Beavers are aquatic; they swim well and can stay underwater for 15 minutes. They have special lenses in their eyes which act like goggles, so they swim open-eyed which is useful as its a bit of an assault course down there. Beavers have a huge effect on their environment: clearing trees, blocking rivers and building dams and lodges.
No Other Versions Available

Biotrackers
74929 DVD 27 min PJE 2007 McIntyre Films
Why are habitats important? Biotrackers answers the question by introducing viewers to the animals and plants that live in different parts of the world. Kids will also learn tips on how to build an animal friendly habitat in their own backyard.
No Other Versions Available

Can Humans Live Underwater?
75449 DVD 27 min IS 2010 Distribution Access
Our hosts explore what it would take to live with the fish. They learn to play hockey underwater, dive without tanks on one breath, and visit a research laboratory on the ocean floor.
No Other Versions Available

Carl the Nile Crocodile
73918 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Crocodiles have been around for 70 million years, since the age of the dinosaurs. They grow up to 6 metres long and can live for over 50 years. Crocodiles spend much of their life in water, above and below the surface. It is nearly a week since Carl hatched from an egg, and he is just 24cm long from his snout to tip of his tail. He has more than 30 brothers and sisters, and they all live with their mother in Zambias Luangwa River. For 5 weeks, she will provide them with loving care and protect them from predators, including other adult crocs.
No Other Versions Available

Carla the Capybara
73914 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
The Capybara is the worlds largest rodent. It is the size of a sheep, has front teeth shaped like a rabbits, barks like a dog when alarmed, weighs up to 65kg, and has a top speed on land comparable with a galloping pony, though it is just as happy in water. It has water-resistant fur and webbed feet like an otter. Baby capybaras start swimming at just a few weeks old. They have nostrils which seal tight, and their flipper-like webbed feet help propel them through water. An adult could stay under for up to 5 minutes without coming up for air. Their eyes, ears, and nostrils are all located on the top of their head, so they can see, hear, and breathe as they swim, while remaining almost invisible to predators like Caiman, the main killers of capybaras in this area.
No Other Versions Available

Charlie the Chimpanzee
73913 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Charlie is a five-month-old Chimpanzee living in Tanzanias famous Gombe National Park in East Africa. He lives with his mother Chara, his father Chad and his brother Chauncey. His family are part of a wider Chimpanzee community with around 50 members. Chimpanzees are the most intelligent of all non-human primates, so Charlie has a lot to learn, including complicated skills like making and using tools for cracking palm nuts or fishing for termites. He has to learn which foods have to be collected (like fruit), and which has to be hunted (like monkeys).
No Other Versions Available

Chiku the Cheetah
73904 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
In the Masai Mara reserve in Kenya, 12-week old Chiku has discovered how to hide in the grass using her spots as camouflage. She watches her mother chasing gazelle for dinner. The cheetah is the fastest animal on earth, capable of running up to 115kph, thanks to a very special design. More like a racing dog than a cat, it has a slender body, long legs and a small head, which makes it lightweight. Large nostrils and a big rib-cage help it to take deep breaths which power its running body with oxygen. It also has claws like running spikes to stop it slipping as it sprints. Plus a long bendy spine which lengthens its stride to 7 metres when its sprinting flat out, giving it the edge in speed over all other animals.
No Other Versions Available

Dinah the Dingo
73911 DVD 25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Dinah is an eight-month-old Dingo one of Australias wild dogs, halfway between a Wolf and a domestic Dog. Dingoes do things very differently from the Marsupials that evolved here. So how did they get to Australia? The answer is quite surprising by boat! Dinahs home is the Central Australian outback, at the edge of the Simpson Desert, where temperatures reach 50 degrees Celsius in the middle of the day. Her life is one long hunt for food. She and her mum Sheila and her brother Dave will try to catch anything they can: Goannas, Thorny Devils, Skinks, Frilled lizards, Galahs, Kangaroos, even Camels!
No Other Versions Available
Eboo the African Elephant
73905
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Eboo has just been born. He is the newest member of his Elephant family. They live in the Amboseli National Park, overlooked by Mount Kilimanjaro, African tallest mountain. One day he will grow to be amongst the largest mammals on the land. Eleigh is Eboo’s mum, the leader of the herd or matriarch. Eboo’s dad is the biggest elephant in the whole park. His name is Swabou. He doesn’t live with the females and babies in the herd. Bulls can weigh up to 5400 kg that as heavy as 67-and-a-half men and they can stand over 4 metres tall. The females, which are known as cows, are only slightly smaller. Eboo and his family spend up to 16 hours a day eating their way through between 200 and 400 kg of food each (that is like you or me eating 2,800 apples).
No Other Versions Available

Elvis the Elephant Seal
73922
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Elvis is a Californian beach-bum, but instead of a tan he has blubber. He is a North-American Elephant Seal. He was born on a beach 88 km South of San Francisco and the Golden Gate at Año Nuevo State Reserve, the site of the largest mainland breeding colony in the world. Elephant seals congregate onshore at rookeries, where (very noisily) they fight for dominance, mate, give birth and nurse their young during the winter breeding season. During this time they will go without food for 3 months. They’ll play, sleep and shed their fur in the spring and summer moulting season. Elvis greatest enemy is one of the most feared predators on earth, the Great White Shark.
No Other Versions Available

Food Web (Bill Nye)
73036
26 min J 2003 Magic Lantern Communications
Bill Nye becomes tangled in a complex food web as he demonstrates that all living things depend on other living things to survive. Alfonso Ribeiro of "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" demonstrates the importance of plants. Bill talks to children nation-wide who are trying to improve their environment, while an ecologist shows the rebirth of the Mt. St. Helens ecosystem.
No Other Versions Available

George the Giraffe
73923
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Giraffes live on the wide open grassland of East African Savannah. George is one of a herd of Masai giraffes in Kenya. He is four weeks old, still a baby, but already two metres tall. He started life with a 2m drop, straight down. Within 15 minutes he was up on his feet. Giraffe herds are fairly loose affairs, but they do help out when it comes to childcare. Alfonso Ribeiro of "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" demonstrates the importance of plants. Bill talks to children nation-wide who are trying to improve their environment, while an ecologist shows the rebirth of the Mt. St. Helens ecosystem.
No Other Versions Available

Gus the African Elephant
73916
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Gus is a North American Grizzly Bear. At the moment he is quite small, but one day he will be HUGE! A big Grizzly can weigh as much as a small car. Male grizzly bears, like Gus’s dad, usually weigh around 200 kilograms, as big as a sumo wrestler. However, the biggest Grizzly bear on record weighed a whopping 750 kilograms. Even on all fours, an adult is over a metre in height and over two metres long. Despite their size, they can run at nearly 50 kilometres an hour, swim and climb. At three months old, Gus is still living with his mum and his brother Gil. Gus was born in January. It is important to stay warm, so Gus and the family stayed in the underground den until April. In fact, Grizzlies spend half of their lives asleep. Bears eat everything humans eat and more. Three quarters of their diet is fruit, berries and grasses, but they will eat pretty much anything.
No Other Versions Available

Hugo the Hippo
73926
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Hugo is a young male Hippopotamus living in Zambia’s Luangwa River. He lives with his mother in a stretch of river ruled by his Dad, The King of the River the biggest, loudest, grumpiest Hippo on the river. They share this territory with many other mothers and babies, but males are only tolerated if they submit to the King. If not, they will have to fight. Hippos may look clumsy on land, but in reality they can run at over 40 kmph faster than an Olympic sprinter. Underwater they move with unexpected grace. Hugo is learning who his friends are: the Oxpeckers that keep a hippo clean and parasite-free above water, and the fish that clean his skin and teeth below water.
No Other Versions Available

Igby the Green Iguana
73910
25 min J 2004 Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Igby has just hatched after spending three months developing inside his egg. He has been buried deep in a borrow on a small island and now it’s time to enter the big wide world. As soon as he digs himself out, he has to make his way to the safety of the jungle. It’s a journey fraught with danger and excitement as he must run the gauntlet of a hungry Brown Basilisk, make a treacherous swim across the murky Black Lagoon and evade the ever-watchful eyes of the stealthy Vine Snake. Once he reaches the safety of the tree tops, the film skips forward five years, catching up with Igby as he tries to attract a mate.
No Other Versions Available
Larry the Langur Monkey
73902
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Larry is a Hanuman Langur, a type of Monkey named after the Hindu monkey god, Hanuman. He is eight months old, lively, independent and always on the lookout for fun. He lives in the middle of the ancient city of Jodhpur (the Blue City), at the edge of the Great Indian Desert. The city is also home to more than 800,000 people. The monkeys live up on the roofs of their houses, in the tangle of powerlines and aerials. The monkey troop is centred on females mothers and babies, aunts and grannies. They will stay in this close-knit family their whole lives, up to 20 years. Larrys dad is the Lord of the Blue City, the only adult male monkey in the troop and the father of all its youngsters. No Other Versions Available

Laura the Ring Tailed Lemur
73912
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Laura and Lucy are 8-week-old Ring-Tailed Lemurs from different ends of the social order. These lemurs have a strict hierarchy. Females are very much in charge and the males rank lowest in the pecking order. Their troop of 15 (mostly females and their young, with just a few adult males) live is the Berenty Private Reserve in Southern Madagascar, off the East Coast of Africa. Lucys mum is the lowest-ranking female (and even having a baby wont change that), but Lauras mum is the leader of the troop. In lemur society, that will make a lot of difference to every aspect of their lives. No Other Versions Available

Leo the Lion
73908
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Leo is eight weeks old, one in a litter of three cubs living in the Masai Mara Reserve in Kenya, East Africa. His mum has a mighty appetite. She and her sister each need to eat at least five kilograms of meat every day in order to produce enough milk for their hungry cubs. However, they are built for hunting, with a muscular physique and a top speed of 58 km/h. Most of their hunting is done at night (lions can see seven times better than humans in the dark). Their night vision is also superior to that of the animals they hunt, enabling them to stalk really close without being seen. No Other Versions Available

Morris the Meerkat
73903
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Morris lives in the Kalahari Desert in South Africa with his mum (Mama), his dad (Papa) and the rest of the Meerkat gang. Gangs may have up to 40 members. Mama is the Leader of the Gang and the only female who is allowed to breed. Papa is the top male three years old and in his prime. It gets hot in the desert, by 9:30 in the morning the temperature is already in the mid-30s, and by midday it might reach 70 degrees Celsius! Hot enough to burn the skin off the soles of your feet! The most important rule in Meerkat life is All for one, and one for all! However, although the gang is a team, not all Meerkats are born equal. If you come from another gang, there is a price to pay: babysitting naughty youngsters, and working as a sentry. No Other Versions Available

Ollie the Ostrich
73906
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Ollie lives in the Etosha National Park. He emerged from the largest egg in the world as large as 24 chickens eggs. In this part of Africa, the temperature is often over 40 degrees Celsius and Mum had to brood the eggs not to keep them warm, but to keep them cool. Dad helped out too. He is an impressive 2 metres 74 in height. Other mothers laid their eggs in the shared nest. One mother may get to be as big as 300, from toddlers to teenagers. Ostrich eyeballs are bigger than their brains; they can even see behind themselves without turning their heads. No Other Versions Available

Oscar the Giant Otter
73917
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Amazon Giant Otters really are giants. At nearly two metres long from nose to tail, they are the largest of the worlds otters, and certainly the most sociable, living in noisy groups of up to 20. Giant Otters are one of the top predators of the Amazon, the aquatic equivalent of the Jaguar. They are known as lobos del rio (the wolves of the river) because, like wolves, they hunt in packs. Oscar is six months old, one of a lively litter of four cubs. He lives in Cocha Salvador, a freshwater lake, in the Amazon Basin. Home is the Manu National Park in south-eastern Peru. Giant Otters are experts at high-speed underwater pursuit. They live almost entirely on fish, and together Oscars family eat an amazing 25 kilos of fish every day! No Other Versions Available

Otto the Orangutan
73927
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Otto lives in the rainforests of Sumatra with his mum. Orangs are fairly solitary most of the time but Otto has an older sister, Octavia, who lives around in the forest nearby. Sometimes they hang out together. And when a particularly rich fig tree is fruiting he sometimes catches a glimpse of his dad, Oswald, who is a huge adult male, the only one in these parts. Orang-utans live on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra in South-east Asia and are the only great apes found outside Africa. Orang-utans spend most of their time in the treetops of the rainforests - in fact the name orang-utan means man of the forest. No Other Versions Available

Percy the Polar Bear
73907
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Percy is just 10 weeks old. He lives in the Canadian Arctic. He was born back in January, during the long cold Arctic winter. In the den it was up to 40 degrees warmer than outside, where the temperature drops to minus 60 degrees Celsius, winds gust at 100 miles an hour and it is dark for months on end. Polar bears are fully equipped for surviving the freezing conditions. They have wonderfully thick coats, a 10 cm thick layer of blubber (or fat) which acts as super-thick thermal underwear, and huge fur-covered paws which are like snowshoes. All this insulation is vital to protect them from the chill. They are hunters though, and those great paws have 20 cm long claws! Polar bears need to eat 2 kg of fat a day thats the same as 8 packs of butter! Percys mum provides him with lots of nourishing milk. No Other Versions Available

Peter the Emperor Penguin
73920
25 min  J 2004  Mcnabb/Connolly Films
Peter lives in Antarctica, the coldest place on the planet. He endures temperatures as low as minus 60°C Celsius. He was born in a colony of penguins on the Ross Ice Shelf. 25,000 penguins live here, and with the chicks just recently hatched, it is very noisy. Emperor penguins are the largest of the worlds 17 different penguin species. Standing over a meter tall, they weigh around 30kg. Penguins cant fly, but they can swim. Underwater, they are perfectly streamlined and completely waterproof. Emperors dive deeper and longer than any other bird: nearly 500m down, for over 10 minutes. No Other Versions Available
Rosie the Reindeer
73909 DVD
25 min J 2004 McNabb/Connolly Films
Rosie lives in the Ivvavik National Park in Canada. She is just four days old. In Northern Europe, she would be called a Reindeer, but in North America and Canada, she has another name too Caribou. This is an Native American name and means one that shovels because reindeer can use their feet to act as snow shovels, digging down to the plants for forage. Both male and female reindeer sprout new antlers every year; they take 3-6 months to grow. Rosie's mum is now three years old and Rosie is her first calf. Reindeer are travellers, always on the move. Before this time next year, Rosie will have covered 4,000 kilometres, trekking between 19 and 55 kilometres a day. And when they want to, reindeer can run at 80 kilometres per hour.
No Other Versions Available

Wally the Warthog
73919 DVD
25 min J 2004 McNabb/Connolly Films
Like most pigs, warthogs are not noted for their good looks; but what they lack in style, they certainly make up for in character. Take young Wallace, for example. He is just two weeks old and is growing very fast indeed. He is part of a small Warthog family and has several brothers and sisters. Having spent the first few weeks of his life in the family's underground burrow, he is just about to venture out onto the dangerous African savannah. Our cameras follow him every step of the way as he explores the great outdoors.
No Other Versions Available