



Species in Peril:
Conservation Partnerships at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
Class Syllabus, Spring 2011
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

<u>Class 1</u>	<i>Painted Dog Conservation</i> , Karen Vacco Tour Painted Dogs	<u>February 5th</u>
<u>Class 2</u>	<i>Operation Frozen Dumbo</i> , Dr. Stephanie James Tour Elephant Barn (Meet Elephant Keeper)	<u>February 19th</u>
<u>Class 3</u>	<i>SECORE</i> , Paul Selvaggio & Ashley Kidd Tour Coral Tanks	<u>March 5th</u>
<u>Class 4</u>	<i>Philippine Crocodiles</i> , Henry Kacprzyk Tour Reptile Holding	<u>March 19th</u>
<u>Class 5</u>	<i>Sea Turtle Second Chance</i> , Josie Romasco Tour Sea Turtles	<u>April 2nd</u>
<u>Class 6</u>	<i>Polar Bears International</i> , Water's Edge Staff & Hardy Kern Tour Water's Edge (Polar Bear Training/Enrichment Demo)	<u>April 16th</u>

****Please note: This is a tentative schedule. All activities subject to change!***

Possible topics (please share photos, first-hand stories, etc. and share with the kids how they can get involved in conservation efforts):

Painted Dogs – Karen: What do we do at the Pittsburgh Zoo? What does Greg Rasmussen do in Zimbabwe? How did we get involved and how do we help his efforts? Discuss our specific dogs and their story; What do we plan for the future?

Operation Frozen Dumbo – Dr. Stephanie: What is the program? Who is involved? How did the Pittsburgh Zoo become involved, etc?
Elephant Keeper: elephant tour, elephant care and breeding information

SECORE--Paul and Ashley: What is SECORE? What did they do? How was it documented? How did you get dive certification? Tour of coral tanks

Phillipine Crocodiles – Henry: What is the program, husbandry? How did we get involved and how do we plan to make a positive impact? Tour of crocodiles in holding building

Sea Turtle Second Chance – Josie Romasco: What we do in the Zoo, husbandry, etc.? Gulf oil spill, threats, etc.; tour of turtles

Polar Bears International – Hardy Kern, student ambassador: Discuss how you got involved with Polar Bears International? What you did in Churchill? What you are doing now that you've returned? Water's Edge keeper: bear tour/enrichment