



2021 Virtual Schedule

EST time	Group Webinar	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
9:30-9:45	Zoo Teen Welcome				
9:45-10:30	Keynote: Sean Russell				
10:30-11:25		Solving the Mysteries of the Elusive Snow Leopard	The Endangered Sawfish of Florida	Keeping Wildlife Wild!	POP for a Porpoise!
11:30-12:25	Career Panel				
12:30-1:30	LUNCH Break				
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1:30-2:10		Animal Creations	STHC	Operation Stand Up and Step Up	Composting 101
2:15-2:55		Animal Creations	STHC	Operation Stand Up and Step Up	Composting 101
3:00-4:00	Call for Action/Closing Remarks + Youth in Conservation				
4:00-4:30	Networking Breakout Sessions!				

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Workshop Descriptions

ZOO TEEN WELCOME: Conservation Leaders members Sophia Bailly, Cheyenne Davis, Mac Kologlu, Cassie Logsdon, Bailey Milligan, Josie Pasion, Caleb Philips, Grace Rush, & Kaitlyn Sollberger, with staff mentor Jen Katona.

KEYNOTE: Sean Russell – Activating a Youth Movement to Protect our Ocean Planet

Sean Russell has made it his mission to connect young people around the world and empower them to take action to protect our ocean planet. Sean will share his experiences growing up in ocean conservation work, highlight stories of young people taking action to protect their local environment, and use his experiences to share key lessons to prepare young leaders to make an impact on these issues. Gain an understanding of the critical role young people play in ensuring a sustainable future for our planet.

MORNING WORKSHOPS:

Solving the Mysteries of the Elusive Snow Leopard (Shavaun Kidd – Snow Leopard Conservancy) – How does this cat survive in such a harsh environment? Why do we feel such a strong bond with this amazing feline? What is it that makes the snow leopard species so ecologically important, and how can we help to save it from extinction? ***NOTE:** Please be sure to have paper, pencil, and coloring implements on hand!

The Endangered Sawfish of Florida (Tonya Wiley – Havenworth Coastal Conservation) – Sawfish are large shark-like rays that were once relatively common in Florida's coastal waters. Now, FL's smalltooth sawfish is endangered and scientists are striving to learn as much as possible about this iconic and fascinating fish. Realize the history of sawfish in FL, get updates on current research projects, and explanations of management tools such as the Endangered Species Act. How can YOU help? Join us to hear ways youth can be involved in the conservation and recovery of sawfish.

Keeping Wildlife Wild! (Chelsea Goss – Florida Wildlife Hospital) – Join the Florida Wildlife Hospital to learn about the exciting and rewarding field of wildlife rehabilitation. Participants will learn what it takes to keep our native wildlife wild, how FWH cares for over 5,000 per year, why conservation is so important to the mission, and how to join this ever-growing field.

Preventing Ocean Plastics (POP) for a Porpoise! (Brittany Novick & Adriana Negron-Olivo – National Marine Mammal Foundation) – At the National Marine Mammal Foundation, we have seen firsthand how plastics impact marine mammals and ecosystems around the world. Join us as we dive into the plastic problem facing our oceans and how marine debris has driven an entire marine mammal species to the brink of extinction. Plus, learn things you can do in your own home to make an impactful change!

Career Panel (moderated by Jen Katona, featuring Evan Cooper, Dylan Cross, Zach Marchetti, and Tonya Wiley): You can be anything! Learn about just a few of the myriad of careers to choose from as an environmentalist. Meet incredible people with careers in varying fields, seeing how different paths can converge with the goal to protect our planet. Hear the career paths of our panelists, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share your own insights.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

Animal Creations (Brittany Neier) – Join us as we discuss animal adaptations and habitats in an artistic way! Be prepared to create and share during this hands-on workshop! ***NOTE:** Please have paper, a pencil and coloring utensils (markers, colored pencils...) for this workshop.

Sea Turtle Healing Center (STHC) (Shanon Gann – BZ) – Hear some of the most common threats to sea turtles, discovering how personal behavior change can make a difference! Become the positive change these protected species need, while exploring potential career paths along the way.

Composting 101 (Kaitlyn Sollberger, Lindsay Mathisen, and Amy Reaume – BZ) – Ever wonder how your trash becomes soil? You are in luck! In this session, you'll get an inside look at the process of what it means to compost and how you can reduce the amount of waste in our landfills. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about local composting projects and ask questions from our knowledgeable speakers.

Operation Stand Up and Step Up (Jessie Dalheim and Alex Cheek) – Join the Operation Oats founders as they emphasize the role of sea oats in a healthy dune environment and share their restoration journey. Explore social media as a conservation tool to share your message, and don't be shy about pursuing your passion, as different as it may be from those of your peers'. Q&A to follow!

CALL TO ACTION & CLOSING: Youth in Conservation (led by Conservation Leaders) – Young people around the world are stepping up to teach their communities about environmental conservation and taking action to protect the planet. Hear from peers leading conservation projects, and initiatives. Learn about their efforts, hear their advice for other young conservationists, and know you're never too young or old to make a difference. Reflect on what you've learned today and get ready to make your own waves! Closing to be immediately followed by breakout sessions. Join a session to network with peers and get the chance to talk directly with a few of the day's presenters.

Thank you for joining us in 2021 and we look forward to meeting you in-person in 2022! Remember to complete our post-survey to be entered into a raffle to win 6 tickets to Brevard Zoo.