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Activities for Junior Members

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Wildcare Australia Inc. provides extensive training to members or individuals wishing to learn to rescue and rehabilitation sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. Educational content is aimed for the adult learning experience and children under 14 years of age are not permitted to attend. Wildcare endeavours to provide occasional junior activities throughout the year however as we are limited in our resources we are unable to provide a comprehensive program for children. Alternative educational activities for children can be sourced from the following organisations.

Green Heroes

Green Heroes is a local non-profit organisation, which aims to connect children and young people with the natural world and engage them in meaningful conservation activities. The focus of their action programs is to preserve and create habitats for native wildlife and to support the work of wildlife rescue organisations.

Information about Green Heroes' programs can be found at:

<https://www.greenheroes.org.au/programs>

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

The sanctuary offers a variety of activities for children through the Wild Adventures and Mini Adventures school holiday programs.

Wild Adventures activities include:

- Animal Trainer for a Day
- Paws and Claws
- Keeper for a Day
- Slimy and Scaly
- Vet for a Day

Mini Adventures include:

- Wandering Wombat Storytime
- Pouncing Possum Storytime

There is also an inclusive program for children with additional support needs who are unable to access other school holiday programs. Information and booking details for all of the school holiday and education programs can be found at: <https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au/education>

General information about the activities offered by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary can be found at:

<https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au>

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Fleays Wildlife Park (Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast)

The park offers seasonal programs for different age groups and a range of activities during school holidays at affordable prices. These include:

- Junior Ranger Wildlife Keeper (ages 5 – 7)
- Junior Ranger for a Day (ages 8 – 12)
- Junior Ranger Mangrove Explorers (ages 8 - 12)

General information on the activities offered by David Fleay Wildlife Park can be found at:

<https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/david-fleay/>

Australia Zoo (Beerwah, Sunshine Coast)

The zoo offers an extensive range of school holiday activities for children through their Zoo Keeper for a Day program including:

- Khaki Explorer (ages 4 – 6)
- Khaki Discovery (ages 6 – 11)
- Khaki Extreme (ages 12 – 16)
- Khaki Extreme Reptiles (ages 12 – 16)
- Khaki Sensory (ages 7 and upwards who, due to their specific health or medical requirements, may not be able to participate in the regular Zoo Keeper for a Day programs.

General information on the activities offered by Australia Zoo can be found at:

<http://www.australiazoo.com.au/>

Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre – Brisbane

The discovery centre is home to native reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and mammals, including a common wombat. There is a nocturnal-house where visitors can encounter some rarely-seen native animals such as platypus (in the Gondwana Platypus Rockpool).

The centre offers Connect with Nature activities throughout school holiday periods at affordable prices. These include Junior Ranger Fossil Finders (aged 5 – 7) and a daily Wildlife Discovery Show (all ages). For information and booking go to: <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/experiences/connect-with-nature/ranger-guided-activities/>

General information on the activities offered by Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre can be found at:

<https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/daguilar/walkabout-creek.html>

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Regional Councils

City of Gold Coast – NaturallyGC Program

Gold Coast City Council offers a program to help residents connect with nature through habitat restoration and environment-based workshops and activities.

Details of the NaturallyGC Program, including activities and workshops for children, can be found here:

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/council/naturallygc-program-24575.html>

Logan City Council

Logan City Council offers an Environmental Events and Activities Program, which provides opportunities for residents to participate in environmental events and workshops.

The current Program, including activities and workshops for children, can be found here:

<https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/environmental-events-and-activities/environmental-events-and-activities>

Brisbane City Council

Brisbane City Council offers a range of events and activities to help residents of all ages learn to live more sustainability. A list of Council's Green Events, including activities and workshops for children, can be found at:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-in-brisbane/events-listed-by-type/green-events>