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EXPLORER CLASSROOM:

User Guide for Families
and Educators



MEET REAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORERS LIVE ONLINE!

Join Explorer Classroom to hear behind-the-scenes stories and interact in real time with a National Geographic Explorer. See what they're doing in the field or in their labs! Ask them questions!

Connect your children with explorers live—or on-demand through our past event recordings—to experience science, conservation, technology, discoveries, and more with the people actually doing the work. Explorer Classroom can jump-start curious minds, reinforce ideas, or push learners further through a real-world, cutting-edge application of a concept.

WHAT IS EXPLORER CLASSROOM?

It's a live YouTube show with a moderated chat that connects young people to Explorers from around the world and brings exploration to life. Register your students, your family, or kids in your household for a chance to ask the Explorer questions live on camera, or type them into our moderated YouTube chat bar. To watch past events, or to learn more about our Explorers, visit our **YouTube** channel.

"Explorer Classroom was my students' favorite thing. It worked so well; with the resources online, I didn't have to plan a lot ahead of time."

—LAYNE ZIMMERS,
6th grade social studies teacher

Most Explorer Classroom events are designed for students ages 9-14 but we also offer specific events designed for ages 4-8, Spanish language, and ASL interpretation.

FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

MONDAYS 11:00 A.M. ET	THURSDAYS 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. ET	EXPLORER CLASSROOM SPECIAL EDITIONS
EXPLORER CLASSROOM for ages 4-8	EXPLORER CLASSROOM for ages 9-14	Plus many more events including “en Español,” with ASL interpretation, live from remote field sites, special editions for afterschool educators, and more are also available on a rotating basis. Check our website for an up to date list!

“It was very exciting that we were one of few classrooms in the whole world chosen to be on screen. The impact was beyond the learning opportunity itself: it was an opportunity for my students to showcase who they are.”

—JILL REYNOLDS,
4/5th grade special education teacher

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF EXPLORER CLASSROOM:

Explorer Classroom works as a stand-alone learning exploration or part of a larger structured inquiry. There are custom event guides prepared for each Explorer Classroom session full of resources, activities, and ideas for learning more about the Explorer and the topic they will be covering. The guide also suggests follow-up activities to go further! To get the most out of an Explorer Classroom event, we recommend:

BEFORE THE EVENT:

- Register your students or your household to watch the event. This gives you a chance to be featured in one of six on-screen slots with the explorer, and ensures that your group gets a shoutout on-air.
- Read the custom event guide we've prepared for each Explorer Classroom and brainstorm questions your students or family might want to ask.

DURING THE EVENT:

- If your child or class is selected to be featured onscreen we'll follow up with instructions for joining us via Zoom and asking your questions on air.
- Tune in on YouTube to watch the event. If you're not on screen, you can still ask your questions in the moderated chat bar.

"Explorer Classroom goes beyond just showing students a world outside their own backyards. The personal connections students develop with Explorers inspire them to go further in their own curiosity and empower them to take globally relevant action in their local communities."

—KIMBERLY YOUNG,
2020 National Geographic Education Fellow

AFTER THE EVENT:

- Keep the learning going! Have students do additional research motivated by what they heard from the Explorer and what inspires them.
- Have kids make a drawing, write a poem, or create other artwork that represents something they learned from the explorer (share on Twitter with the explorer themselves, and at @NatGeoEducation with #ExplorerClassroom. We would love to see your work!)
- Talk about what you learned with your kids and share with others on your next family video conference.