

Rainforest Adventure

at the Puyallup Fair

THIS YEAR ONLY, THE PUYALLUP FAIR IS EXCITED TO SHARE **RAINFOREST ADVENTURE** WITH YOU! WALK THROUGH AND EXPERIENCE AN AUTHENTIC TROPICAL RAINFOREST ATMOSPHERE. THIS MULTI-SENSORY EXPEDITION IS A LUSH RAINFOREST EXHIBIT COMPLETE WITH THE CRITTERS THAT INHABIT THIS ENVIRONMENT. THE TOUCANS, ANACONDAS, SNAPPING TURTLES AND GECKOS WILL JOIN YOU ON YOUR ADVENTURE THROUGH PLANT LIFE GROWING FROM THE GROUND TO THE CANOPY! NATURALISTS AND INTERPRETERS WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO EXPLAIN HOW EVERY LAYER CONTRIBUTES TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CHALLENGES FACING THESE UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL WONDERS. DAILY EDUCATIONAL SHOWS ARE AT NOON, 2, 4, AND 6 P.M.

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Today we'll introduce you to the layers of the rainforest and the animals that make it their home. The tallest trees of the forest are called **emergents**. These giant trees of up to 270 feet tower above the canopy, reaching to the sun. The emergents are home to many birds and insects and some mammals such as monkeys. The level of trees beneath the emergents is called the **canopy**. Much like the canopy of a building or an umbrella, these tall trees of 65 to 130 feet shade the forest floor. The most active level of the rainforest, the canopy is home to a variety of animals, including insects, birds, reptiles and mammals. Vines and even orchids also grow in the canopy. The **understory** is the part of the rainforest beneath the cover of the trees and above the ground. Since most light is filtered out of this dark, cool, shaded area, small trees and non-flowering shrubs have adapted to the environment. Insects, birds and even jaguars that leap from low-hanging branches reside in the understory. The dark **forest floor**, or ground level, is the home of insects, arachnids and large animals of the rainforest. Moss, fungi and decaying plants also cover the forest floor.



Learn more about parrots, macaws and cockatoos at the Rainforest Adventure exhibit.



The educational stage offers free shows at noon, 2, 4, and 6 p.m. daily.



Find the animals you can see at the Puyallup Fair in the crossword below. In which part of the rainforest do you think they live?

ALLIGATOR	CAPYBARA	FROGS	MACAWS	PYTHONS	VERVET MONKEY
ANACONDA	CENTIPEDE	GECKOS	MONITOR LIZARD	SCORPIONS	WATER TURTLES
BINTURONG	COCKROACHES	IGUANAS	PARROTS	TARANTULAS	
BOA CONSTRICTORS	CURASSOW	KINKAJOUS	PORCUPINE	TEGU LIZARD	

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Resources: www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/Strata.shtml, www.animalcorner.co.uk/rainforests/canopy.html

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S ARTICLE ON THE PLANTS AND PRODUCTS OF THE RAINFOREST!



Gate admission is free for students! The Puyallup Fair offers free tickets to most schools in western Washington, so if you're a student just ask your teachers or principal for your ticket. Last year, schools in the Puget Sound region received a total of 750,147 free passes to the Puyallup Fair.



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