

**KVMD**

# KID GUIDES

Target Age Group: 8 – 12 year olds

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**Episode 301 – National Zoo in Washington, DC**

Matt and Brittney travel to the National Zoo in Washington, DC. They get to see many of the zoo's 300+ species of animals, with in depth experiences learning how to care for pandas, how to handle venomous snakes, learning why poison dart frogs are critical to their environment, and how to care for elephants. On Explorer's Corner, Matt and Brittney learn what it takes to be an animal keeper at a zoo. We learn more details about pandas in our Animal Star segment.

**Episode 302 – Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Matt and Brittney travel to Philadelphia to visit the Franklin Institute Museum. In addition to exploring the museum's world leading attractions, they learn about hearts and go through a giant heart, they learn about how fireworks work, they use science to show how to shoot an egg without breaking it, and of course they meet up with Ben Franklin, who teaches them about electricity. On Explorer's Corner, Matt gets an ultrasound examination to learn about blood circulation. Benjamin Franklin is featured in our Animal Star segment.

**Episodes 303 and 304 – St Louis Zoo in St Louis, Missouri**

Matt and Brittney travel to St Louis to visit the country's top ranked zoo. Here they see the hundreds of animals that the zoo has to offer. In addition, Brittney participates in a Sea Lion show, Matt and Brittney learn about great apes and efforts to save orangutans in the wild, they learn about caring for penguins, they feed some lorikeets, get to feed otters behind the scenes, and help to care for and release butterflies. In Explorer's Corner, Matt and Brittney learn about the zoo's effort to save the American Burying Beetle. The Animal Star is the Black Rhinoceros.

**Episode 305 – Downtown Aquarium in Houston, Texas**

Matt and Brittney travel to Houston to visit the Downtown Aquarium. Here they see an alligator feeding, learn about the ecology around oil rigs, help to create toys for White Tigers and then watch the tigers play with the toys, participate in feeding sharks, and play some games. Matt really gets into things, when he dons scuba equipment and helps to clean some tanks. On Explorer's Corner, Matt and Brittney get behind the scenes with the White Tigers and help to train and feed them. The show's Animal Star is the piranha.

**Episodes 306 – Ft Worth Zoo in Ft Worth, Texas**

Matt and Brittney travel to Ft Worth to visit another top ranked zoo. This time they see a really wide variety of animals. Their hands on activities include making enrichment items for orangutans and watching them eat them, watching an elephant painting session, feeding and petting giraffes up close, feeding a wide variety of birds, learning about otters and bears, and participating in a bird of prey training session. In Explorer's Corner, we get more details about enrichment items for animals. The Animal Star segment features flamingos.

**Episode 307 – Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois**

Matt and Brittney travel to Chicago to visit the Shedd Aquarium which is one of the top 2 aquariums in the US. They see a variety of fish. Their interactive sessions include learning about Caribbean reefs, feeding large fish, learning about crabs from around the world, and participating in the water with a whale training and feeding session. In Explorer's Corner, Matt and Brittney help out with physicals on sharks. The Animal Star is the Japanese Spider Crab, which is the largest crab in the world.

**Episode 308 – Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California**

Matt and Brittney travel to Monterey to visit the country's other top aquarium. Here they learn all about the fish off the waters of California Coast. Our interactive segments include learning about the reefs off of California, Matt cleaning up poop in a ray tank, and both Matt and Brittney putting on scuba gear to explore the aquarium's outdoor animal exhibits from the inside. Explorer's Corner features Matt and Brittney going behind the scenes of the aquarium's world renowned jelly fish program. The Animal Star is the Tuna.

**Episode 309 – The International Spy Museum in Washington, DC**

Matt and Brittney go undercover in Washington, DC, the espionage capital of the world, at the International Spy Museum. Here they take part in Operations Secret Slumber where kids spend the night at the museum and perform a variety of missions to uncover the mole in their midst. They see the museum as they learn to disguise themselves and send secret messages. They learn spycraft to create their own dead drops. They even interview a real spy who worked undercover in the Middle East. In Explorer's Corner, Matt and Brittney teach kids how to create their own secret codes. Our Animal Star for the show is the Ninja.

**Episode 310 – Kids Sea Camp Certified Kids Program in Curacao**

In this episode, Matt refines his scuba skills by attending the certified kids program at Kids Sea Camp in Curacao. Matt dives Caribbean reefs to learn about underwater ecology, fish identification, underwater navigation, underwater photography, and a variety of other skills. Highlights of Matt's dives include diving in open water with dolphins and sea lions, seeing sea horses and moray eels, feeding sharks, wreck diving at one of Curacao's premier dive sites, as well as being swarmed by rays. Viewers learn along the way a lot about diving.

**Episode 311 – Dolphin Academy in Curacao**

In this episode, Brittney goes to Curacao to attend the Dolphin Academy, where she learns to be a dolphin trainer. She learns to prepare food for the dolphins and care for them. Throughout her week there, she gradually learns to perform dolphin tricks and takes part in dolphin shows at the Curacao Seaquarium. By the end of the week, Brittney is performing the dolphin shows while being in the water with the dolphins. Also, Brittney learns to scuba dive throughout the week, and viewers learn with her what it takes to get scuba certified.

**Episode 312 – SEAL team at Kids Sea Camp in Curacao**

In this episode, we are introduced to Jason, our youngest Kid Guide. He attends the SEAL team class at Kids Sea Camp, which is for kids aged 8-9. Jason learns to scuba dive throughout the show, going through different missions along the way. He participates in night dives, dives with groupers and rays, and in his final, dives in the open ocean. He also explores the Curacao Seaquarium and has dolphin and sea lion encounters along the way.

**Episode 313 – Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia**

Matt and Brittney travel to the Georgia Aquarium, the top aquarium in the world, in Atlanta to see the prized whale sharks. They learn about the sharks as they feed them behind the scenes. They also learn what goes into the maintaining the largest fish tank in the world. Matt and Brittney also feed beluga whales and an octopus. They also get behind the scenes at the aquarium's 4-D live show and meet the star of the show.

**Episode 314 – Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park**

Matt and Brittney travel to Homosassa, Florida to a park that features animals only from Florida. Here they feed bears, learn about alligators and bald eagles, and meet a hippopotamus that was declared a resident of Florida so that it can remain in the zoo. They also help prepare food for the zoo's manatees, and then get in the water to hand feed them.

**Episode 315 – Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Florida**

Matt and Brittney travel to Tampa to see the Florida Aquarium. Matt wastes no time as he dives into the shark tank to learn first hand what it is like to be surrounded by a dozen sharks. There is nothing between him and the sharks. Brittney soon joins Matt as they dive in the Coral Reef tank. They then jump in the ray tank to learn about what it takes to care for stingrays. Matt and Brittney then learn about how to create a home aquarium.

**Episode 316 – Miami Metrozoo in Miami, Florida**

Matt and Brittney travel to Miami to experience one of the largest zoos in the world. They hand feed a rhinoceros, and get into the exhibit with giraffes and giant tortoises. A Twenty foot cobra then wraps the kids up, literally. The Metrozoo also has a huge aviary, and Matt and Brittney learn about a wide variety of birds.

**Episode 317 – Diving with the Manatees**

Matt and Brittney dive right into things as they travel to Crystal River, Florida where they snorkel with the manatees. They take a boat out and learn about the Crystal River ecology and why manatees congregate there. They play with manatees that literally play tag Matt and Brittney. Matt and Brittney quickly learn that they are snorkeling in waters with alligators as well. They also take a class to learn about manatees. To top off the show, and really learn about the manatee environment, Matt goes cavern diving to see the fresh water springs that provide the manatees their home.

**Episode 318 – Best of Episode**

Matt and Brittney visit the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore, Maryland and revisit some of their favorite segments from the previous episodes as they go through the science center. We see Matt and Brittney feed tigers and giraffes. They also get in the tank with whales. They also show their favorite clips from Curacao, both diving and starring in a dolphin show. Matt and Brittney also reveal some of the behind scenes aspects of the show, and show some of their favorite bloopers.