

ANIMAL MANIA

1. **DESCRIPTION:** Teams will demonstrate knowledge of the animal kingdom.

2. **NCSCoS ALIGNMENT:** Grade 4 Goal 1, Grade 5 Goal 1

3. **TEAM OF UP TO:** 2

4. **MAXIMUM TIME:** 50 min.

5. **TEAMS:** Do not need any materials for the event

6. **EVENT LEADERS:** Will provide the official questions, tiebreaker test, safety chips, and stopwatch

7. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** None

8. **IMPOUND:** No

9. **THE COMPETITION:**

This event will be run in spelling bee format with partners working together as one participant. The competition will be double elimination. Each team will be given a chip. When they miss their first question, they will give up their safety chip.

Teams will be put in order randomly. Questions will be read in a predetermined order for each round. If the team answers incorrectly they give up their chip. If they miss a second question they are eliminated. The contest will continue until only one team is left. If more than one team is eliminated in a round or more than one team is left after the final round, a tiebreaker test of 5 questions will be given to determine rank within that round.

One player will be the speaker for the team and will supply all answers. The first answer given is the one that will be accepted. A 10 second limit will be enforced with a warning at two seconds for students to answer. If an answer is pronounced incorrectly or is partially incomplete, the judge will decide if the animal chosen is clearly intended to be the correct animal. For example Bullfrog would be accepted for American bullfrog even though the question and information given would correlate to an American Bullfrog. This flexibility will be greater for the late round questions where answer choices are not given.

- Rounds 1-3: Each question will have two possible answers provided from the animal list. The students will need to choose the right answer.
- Rounds 4-7: Each question will have three possible answers provided from the animal list. The students will need to choose the right answer.
- Round 8: Round will continue until all questions are exhausted (50 questions total) no answer choices will be provided.

Topics for questions will include: Size, location, type of animal, food, habitat, lifestyle, behavior, relatives, physical traits, adaptations, symbiotic partners, endangered status, environmental challenges, and reproduction.

NOTE: All answers will be predetermined by judges and will be as accurate and fair as possible.

10. **SCORING:**

Teams will be ranked based on when they are eliminated. The last team remaining wins. Ties will be broken among teams eliminated in the same round with a tie breaker test.

11. **EVENT RESOURCES:**

Sample questions: Which animal is an invertebrate? Coral or onyx
Which animal has scales? Anole or newt
Which animal is related to a clam? Scallop or sea urchin
Which animal is a parasite? Hookworm or Jellyfish
Which animal lives in colonies? Termite or octopus
Which animal can get the longest? Moose, squid, or tapeworm
Which animal is a legless amphibian? No choices given

2010 Animal List

Invertebrates

Glass Sponge	Chambered nautilus	Brown recluse spider
Comb jelly	Squid	Scorpion
Box Jellyfish	Octopus	Praying mantis
Corals	Cuttlefish	Fruit fly
Sea anemone	Barnacles	Planaria
Hydra	Shrimp	Viceroy butterfly
Earthworm	Millipede	Sea urchin
Hookworm	Centipede	Sea cucumber
Tapeworm	Trilobite	Sand dollar
Portuguese Man-o-war	Termite	Brittle star
Scallops	Honeybee	Starfish

Vertebrates

Fish

Rainbow Trout
Coho Salmon
Catfish
Clownfish
Lamprey
Anglerfish
Lionfish
Halibut
Sturgeon
Anchovy
Parrot fish
Moray Eel
Swordfish
Sand shark
Tiger shark
Nurse shark
Manta ray

Amphibians

Eastern Newt
Caecilian
Red-backed salamander
Tiger Salamander
Marbled salamander
American Bullfrog
Red-eyed Treefrog
Toad

Reptile

Gila monster
Anaconda
Green Anole
Green Iguana
Timbler Rattlesnake
King Cobra
Coral Snake
Black Rat snake
American Alligator
Saltwater Crocodile
Green sea turtle
Kemp's Ridley
Galapagos tortoise
Eastern Box turtle

Bird

Warbler
Tern
Albatross
California Condor
Blue jay
Robin
Peregrine Falcon
Chinstrap Penguin
Osprey
Golden Finch
Mallard duck
Canadian goose
Black swan
Bee hummingbird
Hairy woodpecker
Emu
Scarlet tanager

Mammal

Onyx
Water buffalo
Black Rhinoceros
Dromedary camel
Virginia opossum
Kangaroo rat
Thompson's Gazelle
Golden Lion Tamarin
Three-toed Sloth
Meerkat
Polar bear
Sea otter
Tiger
Lion
Cheetah
Cerval
Moose
Beluga whale
Killer whale
Grey Wolf
Black bear