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Desert Park Explorers

Staff from the Alice Springs Desert Park are calling for budding young adventurers and families to become *Desert Park Explorers* during the coming Christmas school holidays.

Alice Springs Desert Park guide manager Adam Macfie said that the theme for the *Desert Park Explorer* this holiday season is based on camouflage where children can learn about the concept of camouflage and how animals use this technique for survival, whether it be as predator or prey.

"It's a great activity for all the family and the children can create their own explorer path of discovery throughout the habitats of the Park," Mr Macfie said.

"The three featured desert habitats at the Desert Park – Desert Rivers, Sand Country and Woodland provide a great way for young explorers to learn about these habitats and better understand the vast network of national parks and reserves of Central Australia.

"In the Desert Rivers habitat children can stroll among river red gum trees, home to red-tailed black cockatoos and other unique desert birds.

"The Sand Country is where they will find rolling sand dunes and is the land of spinifex, thorny devils and legless lizards and finally, the Woodland habitat is where the desert's largest creatures, the emu and red kangaroo have their home.

"The Desert Park Explorer activities will only be available during Park opening hours from Saturday 15 December 2007 to Sunday 6 January 2008.

"On completion of the activities children will receive an official *Desert Park Explore* certificate as recognition of their participation in the program."

Territorian Passes are also available which enable local people unlimited annual access for the price of one admission fee.

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