

Making a Difference for Wildlife

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Denver's Inaugural Conservation Carnival
Denver, Colorado, USA
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IN 2001, the need was identified to provide Colorado's youth with greater opportunities for learning about wildlife and the responsibilities that all people have as good stewards of nature.

In response, a coalition of private and government wildlife groups joined forces to create the state's first Conservation Carnival.

Taking place Oct. 26, 2001 in Denver, Colo., the Carnival was an exciting, hands-on event that focused on three main points: that the outdoors is fun, that conservation is extremely important in sustaining healthy wildlife populations, and that hunting plays an important role in wildlife conservation.

Some 100 Denver-area students, ages 10 to 18, took part in the day-long inaugural event. Students took part in a variety of activities including a fishing pole casting station, a live raptor demonstration, and educational games.

The Conservation Carnival was co-sponsored by SCI's Denver Chapter and the Colorado Wildlife Federation. Other event partner organizations included the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, the US Olympic Shooting Team, Windsong Environmental Education, and Colorado State University's Center for Life Sciences Mobile Investigations.

Similar events have been planned to take place periodically at various locations throughout Colorado.