

Stephanie Arne

Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Wild Guide

Stephanie Arne is Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Wild Guide, a title she earned in 2013 as the winner of a nationwide contest in which individuals submitted videos illustrating why they should be the iconic program's new "Wild Guide."

As Wild Guide, Arne will host an online version of *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* that features short, dynamic and fun webisodes exploring the modern-day Wild Kingdom. She also interacts with *Wild Kingdom* fans through social media and personal appearances.

Originally from South Dakota, Arne began her career with an internship in the Education and Mammal Department of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, where she worked with every animal section throughout the zoo. The internship led to a full-time position as Education Outreach Coordinator, where she increased annual outreach presentations, helped with the implementation of the Long Distance Learning program and created both the Homeschool programs and the Zoo to You Boxes.

Arne worked as a contracted educator for the U.S. military in Key West, Fla.; Iwakuni, Japan; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, before joining the Honolulu Zoological Society as a wildlife educator. On her quest to gain more experience working with wildlife, Arne then moved to San Diego for positions at Sea World and the San Diego Zoo.

Following her stint in San Diego, Arne worked on wildlife projects in Australia, New Zealand, Borneo and Papua New Guinea, including working with whale sharks on Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia, doing coral reef checks on the Great Barrier Reef and helping clean little blue penguins on the North Island of New Zealand.

Stephanie recently re-joined the education staff at the Honolulu Zoological Society as Education Outreach Coordinator.