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See live fish and other native wildlife, get info, and explore Kids' Discovery Room.

SEDALIA, Mo. -- Discover nature with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Aug. 10-20.

Visit MDC's Conservation Building from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to see live fish and other native animals such as snakes, turtles, and amphibians. Learn about and see displays of native plants that help butterflies and other important pollinators. Ask conservation questions of MDC staff, get educational materials, and have fun.

Don't miss MDC's air-conditioned Conservation Kids' Discovery Room between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for hands-on fun discovering nature through crafts and other activities.

Enjoy these free conservation-related programs at MDC's outdoor pavilion:

WATCH RAPTORS: See a live eagle and other birds of prey up close at the Raptors of Missouri presentation Aug. 10 and Aug. 19 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.

LEARN TO CLEAN AND COOK FISH: Learn how to prepare a fresh catch at the Fish Cooking and Cleaning demonstration Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

BE BEAR AWARE: Learn about black bears in Missouri and how to Be Bear Aware Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: Visit with conservation agents and see the MDC OGT travelling display trailer all day Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

FIELD TO FORK: Learn how to clean and cook harvested game at the Field to Fork demonstration Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

HISTORIC SAWMILL: See a working model sawmill in operation at Forest Products: The Circular Sawmill Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss the special program on **ALIEN INVADERS** Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next door to the MDC outdoor pavilion at the Missouri Department of Transportation gardens. It will include displays and activities on invasive plants and animals, how they harm native species and habitats, and what people can do to help eliminate th

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