



EXPLORING THE WORLD OF CHIMPANZEES

Nearly everyone is fascinated with chimpanzees. It probably comes from the fact that a chimp seems to be, of all the animals, the most like humans. That's because it's true. Over 90% of chimpanzee DNA matches a human's DNA.

Exploring the World of Chimpanzees is a program that introduces the audience to chimps in a fun and interactive way. It uses lots of magic, volunteers, and silly but memorable skits to understand chimps, their behaviors, and their home in Africa.

Some of the events in the show are:

- Children playing the roles of a chimpanzee family group and their unique behaviors
- Bananas that appear magically
- Children acting as termites and chimpanzees when we recreate the amazing discovery that chimps are tool users. They are the only creatures that do besides man himself
- A fun magic trick, the eco stick, that teaches what ecology is and how it works
- Funny segments also teach kids to conserve, recycle, and reuse.

By exploring the world of the chimpanzees, in a set inspired by Jane Goodall's research camp in Africa, and having fun at the same time, children learn and remember.

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This show was originally written and produced for the Children's Museum of Indianapolis in the Discovering Chimpanzees with Jane Goodall Traveling Exhibit. This program regularly drew large crowds of all ages of children and as well as adults.

Now that the exhibit has moved on to another museum, Don Miller is offering this program to libraries, schools, and day care centers. His engaging style of educating and entertaining at the same time has made him a favorite throughout the Midwest.

Many people ask, "Do you bring a chimp along with you?" No, we don't.

The first reason is that we wouldn't be doing what is best for the chimp. They should be in their home, not traveling in a container from place to place.

The second reason is that chimps are wild animals and they do what they want. They are very intelligent and 4 times as strong as an adult human male. Even if they didn't want to hurt someone, they still could.

Our goal is to introduce these wonderful animals and teach children the respect we need to have for them and our responsibility to help us all preserve our mutual home...the planet earth.

