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FAMILY FAIRE

Nick takes kids to the 'Wild Side'

By Chris Carpenter

Firm in the belief that children enjoy television shows that allow them to watch other children having fun, Nickelodeon blazes a trail to the *Wild Side Show*, a half-hour nature show premiering Friday, Feb. 21, and repeating Saturday, Feb. 22.

Youngsters at home will certainly enjoy this romp through exotic locales with the show's hosts, a pair of kids who seem to possess a genuine appreciation of where they go and what they see. The dialogue written for them makes their jobs even easier, blending a good mix of factual data on the animals they encounter with enough leeway for youthful improvisation.

Assisting the young hosts with the array of wildlife they visit are very capable guests, whose working knowledge of the featured creatures usually provides a peculiar or amusing point of interest about the beasts. One guest demonstrates the squeal of one type of

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monkey can be almost as deafening as a jet plane at takeoff, another produces pet spiders that appeared in the movie *Arachnophobia*, and another warns of the wrath of bull sea lions while snorkling in the Sea of Cortez.

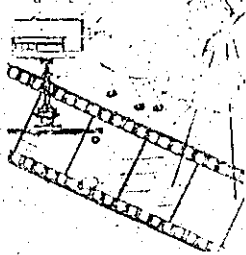
Binding the action together is beautiful camera work from truly gorgeous locations. Happy kids frolicking in splendid scenery make wonderful postcards.

By Tony Lee

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This week, it's summer on Fox, so Shannen Doherty soaks up the sun in Thursday's *Beverly Hills, 90210*.



Wednesday's *Entertainment Tonight* recaps the Oscar nominations, revealed earlier in the day.

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