

CAREER EXPLORATION

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My dream job is to be a Wildlife Researcher with a focus on wolves. This job is when you have a small pack of wolves in a HUGE pen. You let them breed and expand the pack while you watch them and learn what they do to survive. You see what they do when one of their packmates get sick, has pups, or the many other ways they work together. I want this job because I'm fascinated by wolves and other wildlife. I love animals and I want to know more about them, especially wolves. I was inspired by a book called "Running with Wolves: Our Story of Life with the Sawtooth Pack" by Jim and Jamie Dutcher.

In the book, they studied wolves and how they lived. I was struck by the bond they formed with the wolves. One example is when Jamie was able to stick her head in the den and watch the alfa female have pups. I also learned one of the wolves' predators is a cougar. In the book, a cougar climbed a tree, jumped the fence, and attacked one of the wolves. The alfa was eating and all the sudden he ran away. When he came back, he looked sad. The next day, they realized the omega was gone. Jim and Jamie walked the fence line and found the body.

Things I can do now is read books about wolves and watch documentaries about them. I can also find out what they eat and how they bond. Then, in nine years, I can go to college and study animal science. After that, I will move to Montana and live with wolves.



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