

DAYTON LIVE

DISCOVERY

Ami Vitale will be unable to speak to students in Dayton on February 2 due to the expected arrival of a baby northern white rhino! As part of her work with The Nature Conservancy, Ami is traveling to Kenya to document the birth.

In her place for the February 2 Discovery Series presentation, we are pleased to welcome Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Bob Poole for a breathtaking journey into the world of elephants!

The information and activities in this guide will help you and your students enjoy filmmaker Bob Poole's presentation.

Thank you!

“Elephants are particularly interesting because they're so intelligent, and they're so much like us in the way they regard family.”

- Bob Poole



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- [Elephant Voices, founded by Dr. Joyce Poole](#)

VOCABULARY WORDS/TERMS

Documentary Filmmaking: A non-fiction film genre that uses creative techniques to present factual information about real people, events, and issues, aiming to educate, inform, or persuade viewers.

Amboseli National Park: Situated in the southern region of Kenya and home of the magnificent “tusker” elephants, this park stands as a renowned wildlife conservation area, filled with rich biodiversity and stunning landscapes.

Elephant Migration: Elephants following ancient routes to find essential food, water, and breeding grounds, often seasonally between wet and dry areas. Movements can cover long distances (over 100 km) but are increasingly disrupted by habitat loss and human-wildlife conflict.

PRE-SHOW EXERCISES

- Research the different types of elephants found in Africa and the countries they call home.
- Research several elephant sanctuaries in Africa – examples are Retiti (Kenya), Elephant Sanctuary Group (South Africa), and Elephant Havens (Botswana) – and write a paragraph about how they rescue and protect elephants, both adult and babies.

POST-SHOW EXERCISES

- As a class, watch all four episodes of Secrets of the Elephants, available on Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, and Apple TV.
- Research and write a paragraph of what people can do to co-exist with elephants without conflict.
- As a class, discuss the different countries in which Bob has documented elephants, the difference between the elephant herds from each country, and the parts of his presentation that interested the students the most.

Join Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Bob Poole on a breathtaking journey into the world of elephants. Raised in Kenya, Bob has spent a lifetime filming and following these intelligent giants across Africa and Asia. Drawing on stunning footage from his latest projects, including machine-learning research on elephant communication, he shares extraordinary stories from the field. Bob has worked for years with aggressive, war-traumatized elephants, experiencing everything from crushed vehicles to embedding with ranger patrols. Collaborating closely with his sister, Dr. Joyce Poole, the world's leading expert on elephant communication, Bob understands the world's most extraordinary land animals through their gestures and vocalizations.



ABOUT BOB POOLE

Bob Poole is an acclaimed director of photography and television and film host, best known for his Emmy Award-winning wildlife filmmaking. He has an extensive credit list with the BBC, PBS NATURE, NOVA, and National Geographic. Raised in Kenya, where his father was a Peace Corps director and conservationist, Bob developed a deep connection to wildlife. His work captures intimate, revealing portraits of elephants and their complex social lives. Collaborating with his sister, Dr. Joyce Poole, Bob creates groundbreaking films advocating elephant conservation. Bob filmed desert elephants in Namibia for the four-part Disney+ series *Secrets of the Elephants* and recently completed filming *Tuskers: Brotherhood of Elephants*.