



DISCOVERY FAMILY CHANNEL APRIL 2015 PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

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DAYTIME PROGRAMMING

DAYTIME PREMIERES

MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC**

Season 5 Premieres Saturday, April 4 at 11/10c

In the magical land of Equestria, Princess Twilight Sparkle lives with her friends Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, Fluttershy and Spike in the town of Ponyville. Together, they learn about the magic of friendship.

- ***Cutie Markless Pt 1 premieres Saturday, April 4 at 11/10c***
The Mane 6 are summoned to solve a friendship problem only to find a utopian village where everyone has given up their Cutie Marks.
- ***Cutie Markless Pt 2 premieres Saturday, April 4 at 11:30/10:30c***
The Mane 6 have had their Cutie Marks taken and must find a way to get them back. When a deep dark secret is revealed about the pony who took them, they think they may have the answer.
- ***Castle Sweet Castle premieres Saturday, April 11 at 11:30/10:30c***
When her friends find out that Princess Twilight has been avoiding her new castle, they offer to make it feel more like home.
- ***Bloom and Gloom premieres Saturday, April 18 at 11:30/10:30c***
Apple Bloom's anxieties about getting her Cutie Mark turn her life into a nightmare from which she may never escape.
- ***Tanks for the Memories premieres Saturday, April 25 at 11:30/10:30c***

Rainbow Dash can't accept the fact that Tank must hibernate for the winter and decides that the solution is to stop winter from coming.

MOVIES

MY LITTLE PONY: THE MOVIE

Network premiere Saturday, April 4 at 12/11c

All is well in Dream Valley until evil Hydia releases her new creation: purple goo called The Smooze, which threatens to turn anyone it touches into a meaner version of themselves. Can the ponies save each other before The Smooze covers the whole world?

ONGOING DAYTIME SERIES PREMIERES

TRANSFORMERS RESCUE BOTS

Premieres continue Saturdays at 1:30/12:30c

TRANSFORMER RESCUE BOTS features a group of Autobots charged with a mission to protect and learn about humans. Stationed by Optimus Prime on a technologically advanced island, the Rescue Bots — Heatwave, Boulder, Blades and Chase — team with the Burns family of first responders, including a police chief, firefighter, rescue pilot and engineer to keep peace and safety in the city. Alongside their human friends, the Rescue Bots learn teamwork and heroism.

- ***Turning the Tide* premieres Saturday, April 11 at 1:30/12:30c**
Optimus calls on an old friend to train the Bots in ocean rescues, but Heatwave and his new teacher soon bump heads.
- ***The Last of Morocco* premieres Saturday, April 18 at 1:30/12:30c**
Cody and the Rescue Bots learn about the value of friendship when Dr. Morocco's best friend, the famous writer Jules Verne, travels through time to find him.
- ***The New Recruits* premieres Saturday, April 25 at 1:30/12:30c**
When a Cybertronian ship with two Autobots in stasis is discovered in a cave, the Rescue Bots find that they have two new recruits to train. The newbies, however, have a dark secret.

PRIMETIME PROGRAMMING

PREMIERES

MY DOG'S CRAZY ANIMAL FRIENDS**

New Series Premieres Thursday, April 9 at 9/8c

Move over man! It looks like these dogs have a new best friend—and they're not who you'd expect. From a golden retriever who goes overboard to play with her aquatic friends, to a stray hound dog who is BFFs with a playful primate, MY DOG'S CRAZY ANIMAL FRIENDS tells heartwarming stories of friendship and camaraderie between the most surprising animal pairs.

- ***Pooches, Tigers and Steers premieres Thursday, April 9 at 9/8c***
Take one boisterous tiger cub called Thunder, and a high energy hound called Tiber, and what do you have? A strange match made in heaven! But it's not just tigers that need doggie best friends—Chance the Pit Bull is besties with a steer named Wesley.
- ***Love at First Sight premieres Thursday, April 9 at 9:30/8:30c***
A rough-and-tumble Blue Heeler herd dog, known for his aloofness, shows compassion and a caring side to an orphaned baby deer found on the side of the road. Tink, a 2-legged Dachshund, and Henry, a 3-legged cat, fall in love at first sight.
- ***Beauty & the Beast premieres Thursday, April 16 at 9/8c***
Size doesn't matter to Bella the Black Labrador and Bubbles the African Elephant...when it comes to playing in the river together, Bella's decided that Bubbles is more of a boat! Then, meet a pig named Bonnie and her best mate Molly, the Basset Hound.
- ***Far From Home, But Happy premieres Thursday, April 16 at 9:30/8:30c***
We're off to Magnolia, Texas to meet Tommy, a tiny donkey with a troubled past who finds comfort with a towering Arabian camel named Humphrey. And we meet Roo, a two-legged street dog from Lebanon making a fresh start with a new forever friend.
- ***From the Tiny to the Terrifying! premieres Thursday, April 23 at 9/8c***
A feisty Dachshund named Abby is not just best friends with a beautiful Barbary lion named Bonedigger—but she's also the boss in the relationship. Find out how zoo keepers have to defer to Abby if they want Bonedigger to play nice!
- ***Woofs & Wolves premieres Thursday, April 23 at 9:30/8:30cc***
A rescue dog from Mexico, Caute becomes leader of the pack and best friends for life to an Arctic wolf called Vanda, even having sleepovers together! And who's best friends with a kangaroo? The answer may surprise you!
- ***Little & Large Best Buddies premieres Thursday, April 30 at 9/8c***
How did a full grown Weimaraner hunting dog become best pals with a small, fat guinea pig named Fanny? When an outcast coyote pup is ignored by her pack, she finds friendship and discovers her confidence through play with a young bobcat.
- ***Furry Apes with Doggie Mates premieres Thursday, April 30 at 9:30/8:30c***

An orangutan finds a BFF in a stray dog and 5 years later, both are thriving together. Booth, a Brittany Spaniel, might chase ducks and avoid parrots, but for the past 7 years, he has protected a 13-year-old falcon name Annakin.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES**

New Series Premieres Friday, April 10 at 7/6c

HORRIBLE HISTORIES® is an energetic, surprising and unconventional take on history's most gruesome, unpleasant yet funniest moments. Inspired by 20 million-copy bestselling books by Terry Derry, HORRIBLE HISTORIES® sees the wit and wisdom that has charmed children and adults alike for 22 years leap from the page to the screen. From the savage Stone Age and the groovy Greeks, to the rotten Romans and vile Vikings, this series brings viewers on the fastest, funniest ride through history... yet!

- ***Gods, the Moon & Everything* premieres Friday, April 10 at 7/6c**
Learn the real (but slightly weird) connections between the God Thor and the names of the week, as well as the alternative reason for Neil Armstrong's historic journey to the moon with that other guy.
- ***Cats, Kings & Queens* premieres Friday, April 10 at 7:30/6:30c**
What purred and scared Egyptian soldiers more than pointy spears? Which very shouty Scottish king would have been very, very cross about the movie *Braveheart*? And why was being a Queen in the olden days not much fun?
- ***From Bats to Brides* premieres Friday, April 17 at 7/6c**
Were live bats really trained to drop bombs on the enemy during World War II? Did Spartan brides really shave their heads on their wedding night? This episode reveals all!
- ***Pharaohs & Prophecy* premieres Friday, April 17 at 7:30/6:30c**
Is it really possible that a chicken could have caused the downfall of an entire Roman Fleet? What happens when Rameses II, the Egyptian ruler, decides to take part in an ancient version of *Wife Swap*?
- ***Animal Bathrooms & Wealthy Romans* premieres Friday, April 24 at 7/6c**
Why did horses go to the toilet in special ancient Egyptian horsey bathrooms and what did the pharaohs do with all the horse pee? The strange but true facts await!
- ***Dreamy GIs & The Danger of Farting* premieres Friday, April 24 at 7:30/6:30c**
Find out what kind of punishment could befall anyone who dared to pass gas in front of the scary Queen Elizabeth and why American GIs were considered 'dreamy' by every gal in Great Britain during World War II.

WEIRD, WILD AND DEADLY**

New Series Premieres Wednesday, April 15 at 8/7c

From the Arctic to Antarctica, the world is full of incredible and formidable creatures—and WEIRD, WILD AND DEADLY is on a mission to find them. Led by British adventurer Steve Backshall, this series brings viewers along for a globe-spanning journey of a lifetime, traveling over 10,000 miles to find deadly places, deadly adventures and deadly animals.

- ***Deadly Polar Bears & Weird Walrus* premieres Wednesday, April 15 at 8/7c**

On board an ice breaker, Steve goes in search of polar bears and it's not long before he has a close encounter with one while out in his kayak. Later Steve is dive bombed by angry gulls before heading back out to sea to spend some time with a herd of walrus.

- ***Wolf Kill* premieres Wednesday, April 15 at 8:30/7:30c**
In majestic Yellowstone National Park, Steve and his daring crew track down a pack of wild grey wolves out hunting. Then, see what happens when they encounter a bison in a very bad mood!
- ***It's Going to Sink the Boat!* premieres Wednesday, April 22 at 8/7c**
Steve and his crew hook a fish so large in a Texas river that it threatens to sink the boat! After escaping to the shores of California for some 'quieter' shark diving, he has an explosive encounter with a mako shark.
- ***Great White Shark Island* premieres Wednesday, April 22 at 8:30/7:30c**
Great white sharks and Steve have some unsettled business as he heads to the waters around Mexico's Guadalupe Island. While he wants to swim with them outside of the safety of a cage but the great white shark has other ideas.
- ***Shark & Volcano Island* premieres Wednesday, April 29 at 8/7c**
The great white shark may be the most feared, but it's widely believed that the oceanic white tip shark is actually far more dangerous to humans. What does Steve want to do? Head to Hawaii to swim with them with no safety cages!
- ***Creepy, Crawly, Slimy, Bitey* premieres Wednesday, April 29 at 8:30/7:30c**
A massive yellow tailed cribo snake, a huge harpy eagle, a nest of vicious biting bullet ants, and a goliath bird-eating spider - what do they all have in common? Steve wants to meet them all in South America!

MOVIES

SUPER MARIO BROS.

Network premiere Wednesday, April 1 at 9/8c

Two Brooklyn plumbers, Mario and Luigi, must go to another dimension to rescue a princess from the evil dictator King Koopa—and stop him from taking over the world.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Network premiere Thursday, April 2 at 9/8c

An adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's story, WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE follows Max, a disobedient little boy who creates his own world—a forest inhabited by ferocious wild creatures who crown Max as their ruler.

THE MUSIC MAN

Network premiere Saturday, April 4 at 9/8c

Conman "Professor" Harold Hill arrives in River City, Iowa, promising to teach the small town's children how to play in a magnificent marching band. It's all part of a big swindle, but falling in love with the town librarian was not part of the plan.

MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS

Network premiere Sunday, April 5 at 7/6c

A frustrated composer finds fulfillment as a high school music teacher.

HAIRSPRAY

Network premiere Monday, April 6 at 7/6c

It's 1962 in Baltimore, and change is in the air. Tracy Turnblad, a girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion--to dance!

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