RACE AGAINST A CHIMPANZEE

Chris Martin, a research scientist and CISAB affiliate at the Indianapolis Zoo has developed computer programs that allow us to learn about chimpanzee and orangutan intelligence. He has taught chimpanzees to do simple tasks, and then measured how quickly they can complete those tasks. Think you can do better? Come find out!

At this station, you will learn how to do a simple task, and then race against the clock to see if you can perform the task more quickly than a chimpanzee. During this demo, we will talk about this and other ways that we can measure animal intelligence.

By studying animals in zoos and other settings, researchers are supporting conservation and helping animals in the wild. This research can benefit animals in captivity, too, by keeping their minds stimulated. We hope you will join us to learn more about research on animal intelligence, and how it can be used to help animals in captivity and in the wild.