



Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

Environmental Education

Public Programs Listings

September 2009

Prickly Pear Workshop

What: Local ethnobotanist Martha Burgess will teach participants proper harvesting and processing methods for the tasty and abundant prickly pear fruit. Learn to make the juice and use it in a variety of recipes. Ages 12 and up. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Thursday, September 3

Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

Cost/Age: \$20, ages 12 and up

For more information contact: 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov

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Date: Friday, September 4

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste

Cost/Age: \$20, ages 12 and up

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Reservations required.

Animal Tracking

What: Many animals are very hard to find but often leave behind one tell-tale clues – their tracks. Use rubber track replicas to recreate animal tracks and learn how to identify them in the wild.

Date: Saturday, September 5

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr., Tucson, 85743

Cost/Age: free, kids ages 5 – 12 and their families

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Reservations not required.

Wednesday Sonoran Desert Weedwackers

What: Join the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers and do your part in restoring the health of the desert. The Weedwackers work to eradicate buffelgrass and fountain grass in Tucson Mountain Park. Wednesday work parties may require hiking pulling buffelgrass on steep slopes. For meeting location, call 520-615-7855 or email eeducation@pima.gov.

Date: Wednesday, September 9

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park at 2020 N. Kinney Road - **call for meeting location.**

Cost/Age: free, ages 12 and up

For more information contact: If you plan to attend, contact eeducation@pima.gov or call 520-615-7855.

Buffelgrass Volunteer Training

What: This workshop will train prospective volunteers to present *Buffelgrass in the Sonoran Desert*, an informational presentation, to community groups, and to assist in staffing buffelgrass education booths at local events. Extensive background on the buffelgrass invasion and current control methods will be provided. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Thursday, September 10

Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon

Where: Brandi Fenton Park, 3482 E. River Rd., Tucson 85718

Cost/Age: free, ages 18 and up

For more information contact: 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov

Reservations required.

Moonlight Walk

What: Enjoy a leisurely desert stroll through the park under the light of the moon. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Friday, September 11

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Pima County Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste
On Camino de Oeste, ½ mile north of Speedway/Gates Pass Road

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Reservations required.

Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Butterflies!

What: Join the Sonoran Desert Kids in the gardens as we search for butterflies and caterpillars. Get to know your wild neighbors close up as we learn more about the pipevine swallowtail, queen, blues, and sulphur butterflies. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Saturday, September 12

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Botanical Gardens 2150 N Alvernon Way, 85712

Cost/Age: free, kids ages 5 – 12 and their families

For more information contact: 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov

Reservations required.

Star Party

What: Have you ever gazed up at the stars and wondered about the twinkling above or what mysterious heavenly bodies are hidden from view? Join us at a star party where we'll have telescopes set up for celestial viewing. Bring your flashlight and a lawn chair. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road 1.5 miles south of Gates Pass Road or 3.8 miles north of Ajo Way.

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Reservations required.

Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Bats & Bugs

What: Bring the family out for a fantastic show and tell under the open skies at Florida Canyon. Biologists Carl Olson and Ronnie Sidner from the University of Arizona will give us a glimpse into the amazing world of arthropods and bats and the important roles they play in the environment. Bring dark clothing and a flashlight. Call 520-615-7855 or email eeducation@pima.gov for more information. **Reservations are required.**

Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: UA Florida Canyon Research Center. Directions to meeting location will be provided with reservation.

Cost/Age: free, children ages 5-12 and their families

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Reservations required.

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Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park at 2020 N. Kinney Road - **call for meeting location.**

Cost/Age: free, ages 12 and up

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Date: Wednesday, September 23

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park at 2020 N. Kinney Road - **call for meeting location.**

Cost/Age: free, ages 12 and up

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Being Neighbors With Monsters, Vipers and Toads

What: Herpetologist Ed Moll will discuss Arizona's amazing reptiles and amphibians. Learn how to identify dangerous species and what to do if you or your pet encounters them.

Date: Saturday, September 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Reservations not required.

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: *Abstractions and Landscapes*, acrylic and oil paintings on canvas and paper by Joan Scott.

Date: August 7 – September 16

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: May – October: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: Michael Lundquist portrays wildlife in watercolor and oil.

Date: September 17 – October 29

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: May – October: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Tucson's River of Words 2009 Youth Poetry and Art Traveling Exhibit

What: See how the local children express their understandings of watershed and share their view of the natural world in this exhibition of award winning poetry and mixed media art.

Date: August 7 - September 8

Time: Monday – Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., except Holidays

Where: Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way

Cost/Age: entrance fees apply, all ages welcome

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What: See how the local children express their understandings of watershed and share their view of the natural world in this exhibition of award winning poetry and mixed media art.

Date: September 9 – October 8

Time: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Juvenile Court, 2225 E. Ajo Way

Cost/Age: free, all ages welcome

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Wake Up with the Birds

What: Desert meets water at this unique crossroads for migratory and resident birds. Spot wetland birds, hummingbirds, songbirds and raptors nestled among the mesquites and palm trees. Binoculars are available for use or bring your own.

Date: Every Thursday in September

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road

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