



These upcoming events are recommended by the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition to help you

Get Your Desert Dose!

September 26, 2009 8:00 am

Rio Bosque-Faunal Monitoring - FREE

Rio Bosque Riverside Canal bridge (El Paso, TX)

Join us at the park for an opportunity to monitor fauna & collect data that will help benefit wildlife in the future. From I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left onto Pan American & travel 1.5 miles to the bridge. For information - 915-747-8663.



October 17, 2009 9:00am - 12:00 pm

Don't Know Much About The Desert - FREE

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park (Las Cruces, NM)

Learn why a creosote bush smells like rain, how many doors a packrat burrow has, what are lichen & much more. Visit different education booths where you can do hands on activities including games, arts & crafts, & trivia-all about the desert. Walk the Desert Discovery Trail. For information - 575-524-3334.

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009

6:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Meet Your Neighbors-Animals & Plants of the Chihuahuan Desert Lecture Series - FREE

El Paso Zoo (El Paso, TX)

This four part series is designed to introduce teens on up, to the animals & plants of the Chihuahuan Desert with a focus on those species found within city limits & in local State Parks & wildlife refuges. For information - 915-521-1881.

October 31, 2009 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Traditional Use of Native Plants by Native Peoples - FREE with park pass

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (Mesilla, NM)

Join us on a guided walk through a mixed wetland/desert ecotone to learn how native peoples used native plants for food & traditional arts & crafts. Tour the exhibit hall to learn about restoration/conservation the bosque in the Mesilla Valley. For information - 575-523-4398.



October 31, 2009 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tech₂O Water Festival - FREE

Tech₂O Learning Center (El Paso, TX)

The Water Festival is a fun, hands-on event to promote water awareness that will lead to understanding of the regional water resources & to help protect it through conservation & pollution prevention. Children wearing Halloween costumes will receive a prize. For information - 915-621-2008.

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009

7:30 am - 9:30 am

Walking Birding Tours for Beginner to Expert - FREE with park pass

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (Mesilla, NM)

Join us on a walk to see & identify a wide variety of resident & migratory birds. Bring good walking shoes, water, insect repellent, & binoculars (or borrow a pair from us). Walk along the bank of the Rio Grande, explore ponds & wetlands. For information - 575-523-4398.



Even More Events and Adventure...

December 21, 22 2009 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (One day camp for ages 8 - 12 yrs old)
El Paso Zoo Adventure Program El Paso Zoo (El Paso, TX)



Drop the kids off & get some holiday shopping done while they have a blast making ornaments & holiday crafts. For the older kids, they will learn about zoo animals & work on conservation projects. Cost: \$40/Reservations required. For information www.elpasozoo.org/adventure.

December 2009 / January 2010 (First & third weekend of each month) 9:00 am
Guided Tour - \$4 per person (12 & under free) Franklin Mountains State Park (El Paso, TX)

Learn about the local flora & fauna of this neighboring Texas State Park. Bring water & wear appropriate footwear. For more information 915-566-6441.



March 6, 2010 - 9 am - 4 pm

7th Annual Camp Furlong Day & Cabalgata Binacional Pancho Villa State Park (Columbus, NM)

This multi-cultural event commemorates the raid by Pancho Villa's troops into Columbus, NM on March 9, 1916 & the Punitive Expedition led by Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing into Mexico in an attempt to capture Pancho Villa. The event features the Cabalgata Binacional (up to 100 Mexican & Americans on horseback) as they ride through Columbus & into Pancho Villa State Park for festivities mariachis, folkloric dancers, military displays & re-enactors, guest speakers. For information - 575-531 - 2711.

March 20, 2010

4th Annual Franklin Mountains Poppies Preservation Celebration - FREE El Paso Museum of Archaeology (El Paso, TX)

Come for nature talks, wildlife displays, educational exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, music & refreshments. We are blessed with a stunning wildflower display when the Mexican golden poppies burst forth on Castner Range. For information - lobellorl@elpasotexas.gov.



May 8, 2010 9 am - 2 pm

Pancho Villa State Park's 5th Annual Cactus Carnival Pancho Villa State Park (Columbus, NM)

Experience the taste of the delicious NOPALITOS (cooked & specially prepared "paddles" of the prickly pear cactus.) Don't worry, no spines! A variety of nopalito dishes will be prepared by a local chef. Enjoy live music, arts & crafts, food & drink vendors. Large supply of potted cactus plants are for sale! A guided desert cactus stroll will identify the variety of cactus species at the Park! For information - 575-531-2711.

August 21, 2010 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

8th Annual Butterfly Flutterby Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park (Las Cruces, NM)

Butterflies are delicate creatures that grace our world & delight people of all ages. Learn all about butterflies by playing Butterfly Trivia or talking to an entomologist. How about learning what native plants that you can grow in your yard will attract butterflies? For the kids there will be arts & crafts, butterfly sponge toss, & face painting. For information - 575-524-3334.

The Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition is committed to collaborating efforts among educators, the public, and the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition in support of programs that enhance conservation and education about the Chihuahuan Desert. www.chihuahuandesert.org.