

# PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### AGUA CALIENTE PARK

#### Wake Up with the Birds

Every Thursday in September • 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

#### Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Butterflies!\*

Saturday, September 10 • 9:30 a.m. – Noon

### TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK

#### Sonoran Desert Weedwackers

Wednesday, September 14 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 17 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 28 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

#### A Night with the Stars\*

Friday, September 30 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ironwood Picnic Area

### BRANDI FENTON PARK

#### Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico\*

Saturday, September 17 • 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

#### Evening Bat Watch\*

Friday, September 9 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Near Campbell Avenue and River Road

#### Honey Bee Canyon Park Birding Walk

Saturday, September 10 • 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

#### Living with Urban Wildlife

Saturday, September 24 • 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Road

#### Outdoor Family: Bats and Bugs\*

Saturday, September 24 • 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

UA Florida Canyon Research Center

#### Birding at Sweetwater Wetlands\*

Wednesday, September 28 • 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

\*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 520-615-7855

## VOLUNTEER MEETING

### Climate Change in the Southwest and Global Warming

Be sure to attend the first volunteer meeting of the season on September 16 at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. for a lecture on Climate

Change, Past and Present, with an emphasis on the southwestern United States. Pima Community College Geology Instructor Don Gest will present a PowerPoint with lots of facts, misconceptions, and different viewpoints. He will also discuss why it's important that we stay aware of climate change and its implications. An open discussion will follow the talk. See you there!

## NEW EXHIBITS IN AGUA CALIENTE RANCH HOUSE

Stop by the Ranch House at Agua Caliente Park to see the new exhibit cases and artifacts on loan from the Arizona State Museum. Pima County Parklands Foundation received a generous donation from the family and friends of Ellen Susan Pinnas for custom exhibit cases to display artifacts collected during the archeological excavations of the whiptail site in the late 1960s and early 1970s and other representative artifacts on loan from the Arizona State Museum. In mid-June the custom built cases arrived and we received a few artifacts from the nearby whiptail site. Interpretive signage and additional artifacts will be placed in the exhibit alcove to tell the story of people that lived in the area in the thirteenth century and to build on the stories of more recent inhabitants of Agua Caliente Park.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Night with the Stars

If you can assist with the Night with the Stars astronomy program scheduled for Friday, September 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Tucson Mountain Park, Ironwood Picnic Area, contact Sandy at [sandy.reith@pima.gov](mailto:sandy.reith@pima.gov).

***Interested in Volunteering? Email us at [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov)***

***Call us at Environmental Education Office 520-615-7855***



## Community Pride Day

Volunteers are needed to staff a Living with Urban Wildlife table display at Community Pride Day on October 1, at Three Points (Robles Elementary School) from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event will feature live music, vendors, a farmer's market, a chili cook off, games, and activities. Contact Meg at [meg.quinn@pima.gov](mailto:meg.quinn@pima.gov) if you can help out. Thanks!

## Tucson Meet Yourself

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation will be participating in the annual Tucson Meet Yourself event, to be held downtown on October 14 to 16. We'll have the Living with Urban Wildlife trailer on display and will need plenty of volunteers to staff the trailer and interpret the exhibits. The shifts will be Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Noon to 3:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Let Meg know if you can help. Thanks!

## Bioblitz

Saguaro National Park will be hosting a huge event called Bioblitz on October 21 and 22. A companion event called "Celebrate Biodiversity" will be held at the Saguaro National Park Red Hills Visitor Center in the Tucson Mountains. Many organizations and individuals will have displays and give presentations related to biodiversity, Sonoran desert natural history, conservation, and climate change. We'll have the Living with Urban Wildlife trailer, as well as our buffelgrass/fountain grass display, and will need volunteer help for those two days. Volunteer shifts will 10:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Meg at [meg.quinn@pima.gov](mailto:meg.quinn@pima.gov) to sign up. Thanks!

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS AT AGUA CALIENTE PARK

A volunteer training program will be held at Agua Caliente Park this fall for volunteers interested in the positions of School Programs Assistant, Ranch House Tour Guide, or outdoor Greeter. Prospective volunteers may choose any one of these areas or more than one area. The training sessions are scheduled for November 8, 9, 10, and 17, 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Rose Cottage, Ranch House, and outdoors in the park. Sessions will include information on the natural and cultural history of the park as well as specific training for each of the volunteer jobs. For more information, contact Meg at [meg.quinn@pima.gov](mailto:meg.quinn@pima.gov). Current volunteers are encouraged to attend, especially if they wish to volunteer in the above areas.



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