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# The Southwest Celebrates Spring

35TH ANNUAL

## Port Of San Diego's 'Day At The Docks' Is Free



Artist Chuck Byron: Yellowtail 2003

The Port of San Diego's 35th Annual Day at The Docks – a free West Coast public celebration and official start of Southern California's spring saltwater fishing season – is set for April 13, announced Catherine Miller, event director.

The 2014 Day at The Docks features the world's largest state-of-the-art sportfishing fleet that offers first-class accommodations while traveling to some of the world's most prolific fish-filled waters. Open house aboard fleet vessels welcomes one and all.

The event is "family friendly" and will feature numerous exhibits geared toward kids. Youngsters will be introduced to the fun and rewards of fishing at each of the three landings with pens of willing Pacific mackerel eager for bits of squid used as bait. Young anglers have the benefit of as-

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## It's Almost Time For Arizona's Largest Hands-On Outdoor Expo Free, family-friendly event will be held March 29-30 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo is all set for Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. Admission and parking are free.

There's plenty of hands-on fun for all ages. Check out the huge kids' fishing tanks and take home a free photo. Learn target archery and try other shooting sports in a safe, supervised, controlled environment on the range.

Get a feel for specialty shooting disciplines like clay target, cowboy action, practical pistol, black powder, and air gun. See all sorts of live wildlife.

Don't miss the always popular cowboy mounted shooting competition. See OHV and ATV exhibits. Give kayaking a try at the "Lake Paddlemore" kayaking tank. Hike a field course and learn cool camping tips. Learn about boating and how to stay safe on the water. Talk to experts about Arizona's raptors, community fishing, quail hunting, Arizona's reptiles, game calling, optics, wildlife tracking research, and more. Visit with more than 150 exhibitors, including outdoor recreation and conservation groups, shooting clubs, government agencies, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

Concessionaires will have food and beverages available for purchase, and many accept only cash. There is a nominal charge for ammunition at some of the target shooting venues.

Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. The 2014 Outdoor Expo is easy to get to, located on Carefree Highway, about 1/2 mile west of I-17 in Phoenix.

Gold sponsors of this year's Outdoor Expo are Cabela's, Arizona State Credit Union, and Waste Management. Silver

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## Lake Havasu Boat Show To Deliver More Exhibitors, Attractions Than Ever

The count-down to the 23rd Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, presented by the Lake Havasu Marine Association, has begun. This year, the Lake Havasu Boat Show is one week earlier than usual, starting on Friday, April 11 and running through Sunday, April 13 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 on London Bridge Road.

### Enthusiasm For Exhibitors

"We needed to adjust the dates for the 2014 event since Easter weekend comes late this year," commented show organ-

izer, Bob Brown. "But the minor date change certainly hasn't dulled the enthusiasm for boat show exhibitors.

"Vendor sign-ups are running well ahead of last year and we had a record number of exhibitors in 2013. We'll definitely fill all available space with at least fifty or more different brands of boats ranging from pontoons and family runabouts to fishing boats, wakeboard/ski boats and the largest selection of performance sportboats west of Miami. If you're

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"If you're interested in seeing the newest the boating industry has to offer, Lake Havasu Boat Show in April is the place to do it."



Fishing From WaterCar

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TUCSON SAILING CLUB

# Annual Regatta Coming To San Carlos, Mexico

The Tucson Sailing Club's 33rd annual Spring Regatta is coming May 23, 24, and 25 to San Carlos, Mexico. Be sure to mark the dates on your racing calendar.

TSC is planning a great Memorial Day weekend of sailing, food and parties. Bring your family and join us. We will be coordinating travel-to-San-Carlos "caravans," so if you have never driven into Mexico or you would just like to join an experienced traveler for the trip, let us know. Tucson Sailing Club Information

### About TSC

The Tucson Sailing Club is a nonprofit organization devoted to promote, protect, and foster the sport of sailing; to encourage the members to become familiar with and adhere to the rules of navigation and seamanship, and to promote and encour-



Tucson Sailing Club

**TUCSON TO MEXICO** — Two times a year, Tucson Sailing Club members and the public congregate in San Carlos, Mexico, to race full-sized boats in the Sea of Cortez. Races are held around Memorial Day, and again during October. This is an excellent opportunity to sail your boat in great company in a friendly, lightly competitive environment.

age sociability and friendship among its members.

### Regular Events

The Club meets monthly at O'Malleys

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### 11TH ANNUAL ARIZONA FESTIVAL

## Dragons 'Roar' On Tempe Town Lake

The 11th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival will be held at the usual location, the SRP Marina at Tempe Town Lake, on March 22 and 23.

The 2014 festival promises to be our best yet as we celebrate our 11th year on Tempe Town Lake. Over the years, we've welcomed hundreds of teams and thousands of paddlers and spectators from all over the United States, as well as from countries such as Canada, China, and Taiwan.

Join the Festival; there is a division for you and your team. There will be full sets of medals — gold, silver, and bronze — awarded.



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unlike competitive rowing and canoe racing, dragon boating has a rich fabric of ancient ceremonial, ritualistic and religious traditions. In other words, the modern competitive aspect is but one small part of this complex of water craftsmanship.

### Learn About Dragon Boats

IDBF 20 Paddler Dragon Boat: The boats are constructed with a two-part mold. This allows for molded interior features such as non-skid decking, fore/aft foot rests and deep interior hand holds to safely lift the boat.

### Construction

The boats are constructed using fiberglass and polyester resin for durability and low maintenance. All boats are made with a \*Coremat layer for additional stiffness. Core mat is a layer that is sandwiched between the inner and outer hull.

Asian hard woods are used for the seats and gunwales. This rich and beautiful wood is sustainable and easy to maintain.

Each bench consists of two parts. The bottom layer is molded construction of fiberglass and polyester resin with the actual seating surface constructed of Asian hard wood. The face is angled 5 degrees forward for a more aggressive posture and is fastened with stainless steel screws which allows for easy maintenance.

Swift Racing dragon boats are designed to be fast and stable in the water. They are lightweight, about 550 pounds for the 20-

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### History of Dragon Boating

Dragon boat origins: Dragon Boat racing as an amateur water sport has its roots in an ancient folk ritual of contending villagers held over the past 2,000 years throughout southern China. While "competition" has taken place annually for more than 20 centuries as part of religious ceremonies and folk customs, dragon-boat racing has emerged in modern times as an international sport, beginning in Hong Kong in 1976.

Chinese Dragon Boat-Shanghai: However, the history of dragon boats in competition reaches as far back as the same era as the original games of Olympia in ancient Greece. Both dragon-boat racing and the ancient Olympiad included aspects of religious observances and community celebrations along with competition.

Similar to outrigger canoe racing, but



Terry Gerber

**PADDLE AT THE PARK** — The Lake Pleasant Paddle Fest event is Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fireman's Cove area of Lake Pleasant Regional Park, the second park entrance off Castle Hot Springs Road (north entrance). Come dressed to get wet and try out some different paddle crafts and join in on the fun activities. Only cost is the park entry fee. Schedule of activities will be up shortly at [www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake\\_pleasant](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant). For questions, call (602) 372-7460 x 202.

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- Fisherman's Landing (619) 221-8500
- Lee Palm's Sportfishers (619) 224-3857
- Point Loma Sportfishing (619) 223-1627



Art By Chuck Byron. San Diego Yellowtail

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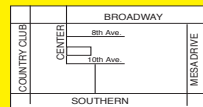
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# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Update your boating safety knowledge

### Wear Your Life Jacket

All vessels except sailboards and certain racing shells or rowing skulls must have at least one wearable Type I, II, III or V life jacket that is U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved and of the proper size for each person on board.

Life jackets, or "Personal Flotation Devices" (PFD) must be readily accessible, in good and serviceable condition and the right size for the intended wearer. On Arizona waterways, vessels 16 feet in length or longer, except canoes or kayaks, must have one Type IV USCG approved throwable flotation device on board and readily accessible.

#### USCG Approved Flotation Devices



USCG Type I USCG Type II USCG Type III USCG Type IV USCG Type V

All children 12 years of age and younger must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, or III life jacket (PFD) anytime while underway on any vessel. The life jacket must be worn according to the manufacturer's recommended use and must fit the child properly. All snaps must be snapped, zippers and fasteners closed.

Each person on a personal watercraft (PWC) such as a Jet Ski or Wave Runner must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, or III PFD (life jacket) with all fasteners and closures secured according to the manufacturer's design and recommended use. Further, the life jacket must be adjusted for a snug fit.

Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, wakeboard or similar devices must wear a life jacket or buoyant belt. Note however, that buoyant belts are not approved by the USCG.

Life jackets can keep you afloat long enough to be rescued... but only when you wear them!

### Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

#### March 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary	March 22 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637 or (623) 236-5417

#### April 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 2 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	April 12 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E Broadway Road Tempe	\$20	(602) 555-8655
US Power Squadron	April 12 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	US Power Squadron 6102 Lago Grande Drive Fort Mohave	\$30	(928) 768-1522 bar1@citilink.net
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 19 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Paddle Class)	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	April 19 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 19 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	April 19 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Coast Guard Auxiliary	March 1 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Suddenlink Center 2380 3rd Street, Room 704 Bullhead City	\$30	(928) 219-4836 jcarpie1@gmail.com
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 26 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

### Pre-Departure Checklist

You can help assure a good time while operating your vessel by performing this pre-departure check.

- ✓ Check the weather forecast for the area and timeframe during which you will be boating.
- ✓ Make sure that the steering and throttle controls operate properly and all lights are working properly.
- ✓ Check for any fuel leaks from the tank, fuel lines, and carburetor.
- ✓ Check the engine compartment for oil leaks.
- ✓ Check hose connections for leaks or cracks, and make sure hose clamps are tight.
- ✓ Drain all water from the engine compartment, and be sure the bilge plug is replaced and secure.
- ✓ Check to be sure you have a fully charged engine battery and fire extinguisher.
- ✓ If so equipped, make sure the ignition safety switch and wrist lanyard are in good order.
- ✓ Make sure you have the required number of life jackets (personal flotation devices or PFDs), and check that they are in good condition.
- ✓ Leave a float plan with a reliable friend or relative.



### STOP INVASIVE SPECIES

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## Boaters: Have A Hassle-Free Summer By Doing Seven Projects Now

Boaters can get frustrated when a repair or upgrade takes a long time, but delays are often a simple result of supply and demand. "Spring and summer can be the most challenging times to get work done on a boat because everyone else wants their work at the same time," said BoatUS Director of Consumer Affairs Charles Fort.

But, with a little foresight boaters can get the services they need — sometimes at a better price — now. And, some things on a "to do now" list don't require outside help. Here are some common projects boaters should be looking at doing now, before the spring rush:

**Engine and Prop:** Getting your boat's motor worked on in June is like waiting to

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**IT'S TIME** — If you need work done on the boat, now is the time to do it, especially if you need help from a boat service provider or maintenance shop.

## Additional Adult Quagga Mussels Found In Lake Powell

The National Park Service and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) have recently detected additional adult quagga mussels in Lake Powell. Since this time last year, the water levels at Lake Powell have dropped which has exposed shorelines that were previously underwater.

Thousands of adult quagga mussels have been found in various locations, such as canyon walls, Glen Canyon Dam, boats, and other underwater structures. The majority of mussels found are isolated adults, with additional groupings of small clusters. One adult mussel was found on the south canyon wall of Bullfrog Bay.

Boat inspections and decontamination of high-risk boats are still required for incoming vessels at Glen Canyon. Continued mussel education and prevention activities, including boat inspections, will minimize the chances that mussels will colonize other areas of the lake. It may also prevent the introduction of other

aquatic invasive species.

It is crucial to keep the mussels from moving from Lake Powell to other lakes and rivers. When leaving Lake Powell, all watercraft are required by Utah and Arizona state law to be decontaminated (Clean, Drain, and Dry) before being moved to another water body.

Regulations vary depending on the state, so all boaters should review the regulations of any states they will enter with their watercraft after being at Lake Powell, including Arizona and Utah.

### To Help Stop The Spread Of Mussels

You must clean and drain your boat before you leave the vicinity of the lake.

You must dry your boat the required amount of time before moving it to another body of water.

OR you can have your boat professionally decontaminated.

"Park staff, partners, and the public

have worked hard to keep Lake Powell mussel free for the last ten years," said Superintendent Todd Brindle. "It's very disappointing that mussels are in the lake, but most visitors will not notice them. The important thing now is to keep them from being transported to other lakes and rivers."

A planning effort is currently underway to develop a Quagga/Zebra Mussel Management Plan (QZMP) to help the National Park Service decide what tools are appropriate to support the ongoing management of invasive mussels in Glen Canyon now that quagga mussels are present in Lake Powell. The QZMP will consider changes to the existing prevention and monitoring efforts, and will include analysis of potential control, containment, and other park management actions.

Additional information on the plan as well as the opportunity to comment or make suggestions are provided at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/qzmp>.

## DRAGONS

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paddler boat and 440 pounds for the 10-paddler boat. Each model is constructed using the same materials and methods and is designed to provide years of service

when properly maintained.

The dragon head and tail are constructed of light weight poly resin and are molded construction. Each head and tail is painstakingly painted by hand, using traditional Chinese methods.

Dragon boats are available in a variety of colors. Standard hull and interior color is white. The scales are applied during the molding process using Ashland MaxGuard gel coat. This method produces a scale that is built in to the hull, not applied like a sticker.

### Some Statistics

- Model 1222- 20 paddler dragon boat
- Length: 12.4m (40.68 feet)
- Width: 1.16m (3.81 feet, widest point)

- Depth: 0.54m (1.77 feet)
  - Weight: 250 kg (550 pounds)
  - Material hulls: fiberglass/polyester sandwich, double-hull construction, Core-mat\*
  - Gel Coat: Ashland MaxGuard Gel Coat
  - Seats: 10 benches, 5 degree angle, seats 20
  - Deck rails: Asian Hard Wood
  - Material seats: Asian Hard Wood
  - Drum seat: Mahogany
  - Bolt: stainless steel
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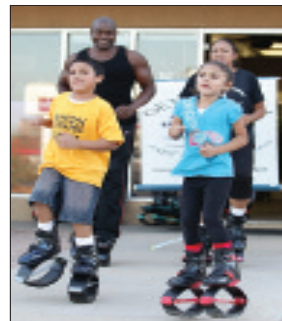
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## FORECAST: FISH!

# It's Time To Start Angling Lake Powell

By Wayne Gustavson  
<http://www.wayneswords.com>

Weather is warming and trees are budding in the high desert. Its time to start thinking about fishing and what to expect from Lake Powell in 2014.

The lake has dipped to the lowest point since 2005 leaving brushy cover high and dry on the shoreline. Fortunately, there has been modest precipitation in the Colorado River drainage. When runoff starts, the lake should rise from the currently level of 3575 MSL back to 3600 MSL or perhaps a bit more.

Also fortunately, the Castle Rock Cut is being deepened and will be accessible to uplake travel by June 1. Rising water will rejuvenate many of the launch ramps that are currently closed including Antelope Point Public and Bullfrog Main ramp.

### Rising Water: A Good Thing

Rising water will be good for fish. The old brush line came out of the water and left brush high and dry when the lake dropped below 3604 MSL. Lake level exceeding that point will provide cover for bass, crappie and shad that is needed for good survival of the new-year class.

Unfortunately, bass and crappie spawning occurs in late April and May when the lake will be below the brush line. Therefore, survival of young fish that use brush for cover will be minimal. Smallmouth bass, walleye and striped bass will have good



Wayne Gustavson

**NICE STRIPER** — Brett Hepworth and family from Cedar City, Utah, found one nice 7-pound striper in Wahweap Bay while fishing over the President's Day weekend at Lake Powell. The youngest daughter Whitney caught the biggest fish.

production but their population density will depend on how many shad are produced.

After two seasons of low water levels, total fish numbers are down. Largemouth and crappie have taken the biggest deduction. Adults remain but there have been very few young fish recruited to the various fish populations that anglers seek.

The bright spot for shallow shoreline fishing will be smallmouth bass. They rely on rocky structure for protection and crayfish for nutrition. In current brushless, low

lake conditions smallmouth bass have the advantage and will be the fish to pursue from March to June.

### Subtle Smallmouth Strategy

Smallmouth bass fishing strategy is subtle. With no obvious woody habitat to target, look for rocky structure with a slope that drops quickly to deep water or broken rock pile along a slick rock shore. Perhaps the most important key is to find murky water created by wind or wave action. Most

canyons have muddy water in the back during spring inflow.

Look for the color transitions from clear, to green, to colored, then to muddy. Smallmouth bass will be found most often between the green and murky water sections in each canyon. Then look at the rock structure in the green/murky zone and fish on the shady side of the rock. Yes, I said it was going to be subtle.

### Walleye Have Different Schedule

Walleye occupy the same habitat as smallmouth but they feed on a different schedule. Walleye will be on the shady side of rocks in the muddy/green zone but they feed best just before first light and after sunset. They must have signed a joint use agreement with bass that prevents both from using the same structure at the same time.

### Stripers: Look Ahead

Striped bass were literally jumping in the boat last year looking for the last anchovy in the bait bucket. A huge population of adult stripers was trapped in deep water looking for anything to eat. Shad were on the surface and stripers were in deep water. Those were good memories but put that in the scrapbook and look ahead.

Now that huge population of adults has gone on to bluer pastures and been replaced by their young offspring. Young, vibrant

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# 33rd Derby Queen Is Crowned

The 2014 Yellowtail Derby will be fished from May 4 to June 7.

March 5th, Jennifer Nakatani, a San Diego Angler member, was introduced as the 33rd Miss Yellowtail Derby at the San Diego Angler's monthly meeting by Derby Director John Campbell. The 2013 Miss Yellowtail Derby, Chanelle Innis, presented Jennifer with the sash and a tiara; the tiara was first worn in 1963 by Kathy Harris.

Nakatani will serve as this year's Derby Queen and will be at the Day at the Docks on April 13. She will also attend all Derby events and give out all of the awards at the June 8 Yellowtail Derby Awards Party at the Bali Hai restaurant.

Nakatani will officiate at the weighing in of the angler on the Scale-O-Ale. The winner of the largest yellowtail, besides receiving cash and prizes, will get his weight in Ballast Point Pale Ale. There is a yellowtail on the label.

The 2014 Yellowtail Derby will be fished from May 4 to June 7, 35 days. Recreational anglers can fish one day or as many days as they wish, but the biggest fish wins.

This year besides yellowtail, there will be prizes for white seabass and halibut caught.

The 2014 Yellowtail Derby is sponsored and supported by the following:

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Louis Almeida, Jr., San Diego Anglers President

**A DERBY CROWN** — Jennifer Nakatani was crowned as the 33rd Miss Yellowtail Derby on March 5 at the San Diego Anglers monthly meeting. Shown are Nakatani and Chanelle Innis, 2013 Miss Yellowtail Derby.

## Spring Fishing Can Be Excellent; It's Time To Get Catchin'

From AZGFD

### Tip Of The Week

Spring bass fishing can be excellent,

and there's one technique that can turn average bass days into exceptional ones.

During the pre-spawn (generally water temperatures of less than 55 degrees),

when targeting big, transitioning bass in the shallows, try dyeing your soft plastic bass lures orange. Water clarity is generally limited in our warm-water fisheries

right now, and an orange tail can help trigger bass feeding on crawfish.

During a spawn (when water temperatures are at least 55-60 degrees) chartreuse dye on the tail of a plastic bass lure resembles bream. Bedding bass will protect their eggs from such hungry predators and likely snap at the bait.

In addition, if using dark-colored plastics in murky water, the added color can also help an angler detect bites faster.

Consider picking up a bottle of dye from your local tackle shop, but wait until you're on the boat to dye the tail. There's a risk of staining furniture, tables, and your clothes.

### The Reel Deal

Hello, anglers,

Rainbow trout received a much-needed cool off last weekend's storms. After a particularly warm winter, that brief rain and wind should have convinced the trout to bite often after a tough winter for trout anglers.

The weather whipped the waters just in time for one Big Fish of the Year nominee: Nancy Russell for a 7-pound, 2.88-ounce rainbow trout she caught March 3 in Pioneer Lake.

Bass continue to get ready for a major spawn. At Roosevelt Lake, for example, water temperatures hit 60 degrees and largemouth bass are in 10-20 feet of water, chasing bait outside of spawning coves. If nothing else, the week before full moon that began March 16 could be a great time for bedding fish.

You've heard it before — please quickly release these fish so that they will live and spawn or our future fish populations will not suffer.

Finally, some news from Arrivaca Lake. The boat ramp and vehicular access to the lake shore will not be available

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# Public Input Important For Game Management

From AZGFD

Each year the Arizona Game and Fish Department makes recommendations to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding the management of game species for the annual hunting and trapping regulations, which establish the seasons, dates, bag limits, open areas, and hunt permit-tag allocations based on the framework of the hunt guidelines set by the commission every two years.

The department has hosted five of six public forums to meet with constituents about developing the 2014 fall hunt recommendations for deer, bighorn sheep,

turkey, javelina, buffalo, bear, mountain lion, and small game animals.

The final meeting of this series will be Tuesday, March 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road.

Constituents who are interested in specific game management units within those regions have had the opportunity to discuss management direction.

### Regional Open Houses In April

After the last of the public forums has been completed, the final proposed draft hunt recommendations will be made available for public review at several regional

open houses and posted on the department's Web site at [www.azgfd.gov/hunt-guidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunt-guidelines) by March 29.

The open houses will be held at Game and Fish regional offices as follows:

- Thursday, April 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road
- Tuesday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Flagstaff regional office, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road
- Tuesday, April 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road
- Wednesday, April 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pinetop regional office, 2878 E.

White Mountain Blvd.

• Wednesday, April 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Yuma regional office, 9140 E. 28th Street

• Wednesday, April 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Mesa regional office, 7200 E. University Drive

### Final Recommendations

The final fall hunt recommendations will be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for consideration during its April 12 meeting in Phoenix.

To learn more about the hunt recommendations and hunt guidelines processes, visit [www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines).

## Craig Morgan Selected As NHF Day Chair

*Country music star and TV host shares passion for outdoors and conserving for future generations.*

Country music star, award-winning TV host and former soldier Craig Morgan is venturing into a new kind of service in 2014, when he will serve as the honorary chairman for National Hunting and Fishing Day.

Morgan is well known as an avid outdoorsman and also takes pride in serving others. He has made ten overseas tours to entertain our troops and received the 2006 USO Merit Award for his tireless support of our U.S. soldiers and their families.

The Tennessee native is also host of the award-winning "Craig Morgan All Access Outdoors," on the Outdoor Channel. The high-octane hit reality show gives viewers

an all access, backstage pass to Morgan's travels as he and his crew pursue big thrills and big laughs across the globe in a quest for the ultimate outdoor adventure.

Morgan joins an elite fraternity of sports and entertainment figures who served as honorary chairs, including Bill Dance, Hank Williams Jr., Travis Tritt, Tracy Byrd, Jeff Foxworthy, Wade Boggs, Arnold Palmer, Terry Bradshaw, the USA Olympic Shooting Team, Tony Stewart and many others. The annual celebration is set for Saturday, Sept. 27.

Congress established National Hunting and Fishing Day to recognize hunters and anglers for their leadership in fish and wildlife conservation. Since launching in 1971, the day has been formally proclaimed by every U.S. President and countless governors and mayors.

Wonder of Wildlife coordinates public education and awareness campaigns to promote traditional outdoor sports. The museum recently opened the newly con-

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**ONE OF THE FIRST** — Kiwanis Park was among the first few parks to join the Community Fishing Program (CFP) back in 1984, just after Chaparral Park. This lovely park in Tempe has a 13-acre lake with several ramadas for anglers to stay in the shade while fishing. This park has a large playground and swimming pool, and seasonally you can rent a paddleboat and float around the lake. If you rent a paddleboat please try to stay away from shore anglers' fishing lines. You can fish from your boat on this lake; just make sure you have a boat permit from the City of Tempe.



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### SEMPER PARATUS

## Any Day A Life Is Saved Is A Great Day

By Captain Dave Esparza

*Semper paratus* (always ready): As members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we are trained to react to situations, take charge and make things happen. That is what took place on Feb. 22 at the International Sportsman Exposition (ISE) in Glendale, Ariz....

The circumstances of that day still run through my mind as I think about how that day could have ended for one gentleman. As volunteers, we take time out of our busy schedules to stand watch at events such as this one — to educate the public on safety around the water.

On this particular Saturday, I was supposed to be at a meeting with the rest of my staff, in Tempe. Having discovered that there was no one else available to stand watch at the Expo, I cancelled and rescheduled that meeting. Since there was no longer a meeting, one of my staff officers, Robert Rodriguez, joined me at ISE. This was his first time there, so I decided to give him a tour of the show, taking a break from

our booth on the other end of the stadium.

While walking around, we heard a cry for help "medic." We reacted as we are trained to do and made our way to the sound of the cry for help. Approximately 30 feet away we found a gentleman on the floor, lifeless. We jumped to action and immediately started CPR.

Because of the large crowd that day, the paramedics on call were delayed 20 minutes in making it to our aid. We continued CPR up to the point that they were ready to take over. During the CPR chest compressions that we were administering, the gentleman came back to life, breathing and kicking on his own.

I received a call the next day from the Glendale Police Department, letting me know that we had indeed saved this man's life. If we had not been there, and we were not supposed to be, he would not have been alive by the time the paramedics arrived.

Any day that ends with a life saved is a great day. *Semper paratus.*



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# Western Wildlife



## New Season Of *Arizona Wildlife Views* To Air On Eight

*Arizona Wildlife Views*, the Emmy-winning outdoors and nature series produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, will now be seen weekly on Eight, Arizona PBS in Phoenix.

Beginning March 18, new episodes of the show began airing Tuesdays at 2 p.m. on the popular PBS station (Digital channel 8.1).

"We're proud that Eight, Arizona PBS has aired *Arizona Wildlife Views* for more than 20 years as part of their commitment to original programs about Arizona," said Carol Lynde, video production supervisor at the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The show brings Arizona's unique habitat and wildlife right into your living room."

The new season of *Arizona Wildlife Views*, hosted by Jim Paxton, features a wide variety of beautifully photographed wildlife, conservation activities and recreation opportunities available across the state. Programs range from native fish in the depths of the Grand Canyon to a bald eagle nest in the

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## Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Receives Baby Bighorn Sheep

*Public advised to leave wildlife "wild."*

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center received a baby desert bighorn sheep lamb on Feb. 25 that was confiscated from a Salome-area resident. The one-month-old lamb was removed from the wild for unknown reasons and lived at two residences, one of which was a domestic goat farm, before Game and Fish was notified.

### The End Result

While we don't know why this lamb was taken from the wild, the end result is the same. It can no longer be placed back into the wild population because of potential disease risks that can be passed to wild bighorn sheep," said Mike Demlong, Arizona Game and Fish's wildlife education program manager.

"Thankfully in this case, the lamb is in good condition and we have found a home for it at Bearizona in Williams, but it is usually difficult to place wildlife at zoos and sanctuaries because they typically don't have the room."

### Best, Kindest Option

It is illegal to keep wildlife as pets. It also is not a good idea to "rescue" wildlife that you believe has been orphaned or abandoned. The parent is usually nearby feeding and will return to her young after a period of time. The best and kindest option is to leave baby wildlife alone.

Spring is the season for young wildlife: Baby rabbits and birds abound, and elk calves and deer fawns hide in the brush while the mother forages. As hard as it is, usually the best thing to do the next time you see baby wildlife that appears orphaned is to leave it alone.

Stand back and observe the situation, but most of the time the human desire to help or "rescue" baby, orphaned, or injured wildlife can have unintended consequences for the animal, including death.

### Contact AZGFD

Removing a wild animal from its habitat and rearing it in captivity should only occur if absolutely necessary, like in cases where the animal is injured or attempts to encourage parental care have failed. Al-



though it may seem more humane to "rescue" an animal, wildlife reared in captivity or babies raised without the benefit of learning from their parents, have a greatly reduced chance of survival when and if they are released back into the wild.

If you find baby wildlife that may be injured or truly orphaned, contact the nearest AZGFD office or visit [www.azgfd.gov/w\\_c/urban\\_injured\\_sick.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/urban_injured_sick.shtml) for guidance on what to do.

## AZGFD Comments On Recent Jaguar Critical-Habitat Announcement

On March 4, 2014, the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) notified the public that the Service had designated 764,207 acres of land in southern Arizona as critical habitat for the rarely-present jaguar. This action completed the third review by the Service that examines the need for jaguar critical habitat in Arizona.

The two prior reviews found that designation of critical habitat in Arizona-New Mexico was not warranted. The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not support the latest finding of the Service that designating critical habitat is essential to the conservation of the jaguar.

### Difficult To Justify

Game and Fish Assistant Director for Wildlife Management Jim deVos states, "I find it difficult to justify designating critical habitat for a species that is so rarely found in Arizona. In looking at the available data on the presence of jaguars, there has been no documentation of a female jaguar in Arizona for nearly a century."

"There have been long periods when no jaguar was even found in the state. Such designations should be based on good science and effective conservation, which are both lacking with this designation. This designation does nothing to further the



conservation of the jaguar."

### Not A 'Population'

Based on the current information from Mexico, the closest breeding population of jaguars is approximately 130 miles south of the international border between Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Further, for many decades, the observations of jaguars in Arizona have been individual males, which clearly do not constitute a "population" given the lack of females and/or breeding pairs.

The American public has a reasonable expectation that when the Service lists a species or designates critical habitat for a species that the restrictions posed by these designations are, in fact, essential to that species' conservation.

"With the absence of any documented breeding pairs in the U.S. for many

decades and with an estimated population of no less than 30,000 jaguars and more than 99 percent of the jaguar's range occurring outside of the United States, the Service's recent declaration of critical habitat undermines the congressional intent for the Endangered Species Act (ESA)," says Larry Voyles, Arizona Game and Fish Department director.

### Comment Letters

In the department's comment letters submitted to the Service in 2012 and 2013 (posted at [www.azgfd.gov/jaguar](http://www.azgfd.gov/jaguar)), the department opposed this designation, based on several points, including the following:

- The ESA defines critical habitat as that which is essential to the conservation of the species.
- Lone males that disperse to the edge of the species' range are not essential to species preservation, particularly in the absence of any documented jaguar breeding pairs in the region.
- That designation of critical habitat is not warranted and indeed sets an unaccept-

able precedent of using poor science to designate critical habitat.

• To be declared critical, habitat should be occupied. However, in 35 of the 49 years between 1962-2011, no jaguars were detected in Arizona. In the other 14 years, no more than one or two male jaguars were detected per year, failing to demonstrate occupancy as required.

"The department has a long history of supporting endangered species, including designation of critical habitat, but designating critical habitat for the jaguar simply fails in both logic and biological foundation," says Voyles.

"Further, recovery of jaguars is very important, so important that all conservation efforts and use of precious limited resources need to be focused where most jaguars actually exist."

Arizona Game and Fish has long been involved in jaguar conservation and has been a member of the Interagency Jaguar Conservation Team since 1996. For more information on jaguars, visit [www.azgfd.gov/jaguar](http://www.azgfd.gov/jaguar).

## Arizonans Can Help Wildlife At Tax Time

*Taxpayers can help conserve bald eagles, trout, among others.*

Did you know that your state taxes do not support the conservation of Arizona's wildlife, but your donations do? Taxpayers can help the state's wildlife at tax time by "making a mark" on their state income tax form.

The Arizona Wildlife Fund is a voluntary program that allows Arizona taxpayers to make a donation to specifically help imperiled and endangered wildlife, including majestic bald eagles, black-footed ferrets, California condors, Apache trout, Mexican wolves and desert tortoises, among other nongame species.

"Since Game and Fish does not receive any general fund dollars, the Arizona Wildlife Fund provides important support for managing and conserving some of the state's most iconic native species," says Mike Rabe, nongame branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"The fund goes only to nongame species that are not hunted or fished, and the cumulative effect of even a dollar can have a tremendous impact on conserving one of Arizona's greatest natural treasures — its wildlife."

Arizona is one of 41 states that allow taxpayers to make a contribution to worthwhile causes. Since Arizona started the program more than 25 years ago, taxpayers have donated more than \$5 million to the conservation of nongame animals. Nongame are wildlife species that are neither hunted nor fished in a traditional sense.

Last year, the average donation was more than \$21. The Arizona Wildlife Fund box can be found on line "40" of the state's long income tax form, or line "33" of the short tax form.

For more information on the Arizona Wildlife Fund, visit [www.azgfd.gov/makeamark](http://www.azgfd.gov/makeamark). To learn more about the conservation and reintroduction efforts the fund supports, visit [www.azgfd.gov/w\\_c/ongame\\_species.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/ongame_species.shtml).

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## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Event Set For March 30

Also, don't miss the Pecan Pie Contest on March 29 at Fort Verde State Historic Park.

In conjunction with the Town of Camp Verde's Spring Heritage Pecan and Wine Festival, Fort Verde State Historic Park will host the annual pecan pie contest on Saturday, March 29 at noon.

Then come back on Sunday, March 30 at 1 p.m. for the third "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" held in the Verde Valley and Northern Arizona. This is a "fee-free weekend" at Fort Verde State Historic Park.

### Favorite Pecan Pie Recipe

On Saturday, raid your grandmother's cupboard for her favorite pecan pie recipe and enter the contest. Contestants must pre-register and drop off their pies in a plain pie tin at Fort Verde State Historic Park no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28.

First place winner gets \$50; second place gets \$25 and third place gets \$20. Judges, selected from throughout the Verde Valley, will help judge the contest.



Prizes will be awarded at the Spring Heritage Pecan and Wine Festival stage area between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

The Spring Heritage Festival features activities for the entire family throughout the Town of Camp Verde and features wines from the Verde Valley and Arizona, pecan pies and desserts, art, vendors, an Archaeology Fair with exhibits, demonstrations and American Indian Art (held at the Community Center), live bands and entertainment, a Pecan nut catapult contest, the Verde River Runoff and much more.

### Welcome Home, Vets

Then on Sunday, the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" is a gesture of acceptance, gratitude and honor to the members of our community who risked their

lives to serve our country during the Vietnam War — this includes the Veterans and their families.

The event will include a Motorcycle Escort starting at 11:15 a.m. in Sedona at Posse Grounds Park, 525 Posse Ground Road in Sedona. It will go through Cottonwood, Clarkdale, returning through Cottonwood and will proceed into its ending destination at Fort Verde State Historic Park.

The event at the Park kicks off at 1 p.m. with a full color guard to open the festivities. The event will include entertainment, food, information on Veteran's benefits, and finish with a flag lowering ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

We are looking for Vietnam Veterans and their families to come forth to receive the welcoming, love and healing that our Verde Valley communities can offer. It is hoped that fellow Veterans from other wars, organizations both public and private, schools, as well as parents, spouses, children and friends of Vietnam Veterans, come out and be together during this day.

Because a large part of the population had misgivings about the war, many Vietnam Veterans returned home to an unsupportive public. Local Vietnam veterans will now have the opportunity to be wel-

comed home, celebrated and honored for their service, as well as the lives lived upon their return.

About three years ago, the US Senate officially declared March 30th to be "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

### For More Information

For more information about the activities at Fort Verde State Historic Park call (928) 567-3275 or visit [AZStateParks.com/parks/FOVE](http://AZStateParks.com/parks/FOVE). Fort Verde State Historic Park is located at 125 E. Hollamon St. in downtown Camp Verde, Arizona. Take I-17, turn right onto General Crook Trail (Exit 285), turn right onto Hwy 260 E, turn left on Main St, and right onto Hollamon Street. The entrance is two blocks on the right.

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703). Campsite reservations can be made online at [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com) or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow [AZStateParks](https://www.facebook.com/AZStateParks) on Twitter and Facebook.

## Annual Archaeology Expo At Catalina State Park Is On March 29

Events are scheduled throughout Arizona for the month of March.

For the entire month of March, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Arizona State Parks (ASP) is coordinating events throughout the state for the 32nd annual celebration of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month (AAHAM).

These events will focus on current efforts to preserve our past by protecting our fragile and non-renewable cultural resources. AAHAM combines education with entertainment to reach both adults and children in an effort to teach responsible stewardship of our cultural resources.

Museums, historical societies, tribes, agencies, parks, and archaeology organizations will be hosting events across the state; events are also planned in Arizona State Parks as part of their interpretive programs.

### Proclaimed By The Governor

Proclaimed by the Governor each year, this celebration will feature prehistoric and historic site tours, exhibits, hikes, open houses, lectures, demonstrations and other activities throughout Arizona.

The featured event for the month is the ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY EXPO (Expo). This year's Expo will offer many educational attractions for archaeology and history buffs, and will be located at Catalina State Park on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Expo is free and open to the public.

### Why It Is Important

The Expo will provide a special opportunity for visitors to learn more about why it is important to preserve archaeological sites and historic places, what archaeologists, historians, and tribal members do in their jobs, and about the prehistory and history of Arizona. The Expo will feature archaeology-related hands-on activities, craft demonstrations, and other fun and educational events.

In addition, Boy Scout and Girl Scout merit badge requirements can be fulfilled at the Expo. Special displays and booths by archaeological and historical organiza-

tions, museums, Native American tribes, state and federal agencies, and others will allow you to participate as an archaeologist might in their research today, or make crafts and tools that teach how prehistoric Native Americans and other early inhabitants survived in the Southwest.

### Local Archaeological Sites

Cultural and historical demonstrators, talks by archaeologists, and interactive activities will help make the past come alive! In addition, tours of local archaeological sites (rock art and pueblos) will be offered. The Expo will give visitors new in-

sights into Arizona's many prehistoric, historic, and contemporary cultures, and will help instill a sense of stewardship for our state's fragile and nonrenewable heritage resources.

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## Dates Scheduled For Arizona State Parks' Family Campout Program

*Program teaches families about camping and the outdoors.*

Arizona State Parks' successful Arizona Family Campout Program has announced spring dates. The program is designed for families who have little or no experience camping. It will introduce them to outdoor experiences over one weekend at an Arizona State Park and inspire them to continue to explore Arizona.

This spring several additional parks will be hosting this exciting program. They are as follows:

- Kartchner Caverns State Park in Benson — April 12, 13 and April 26, 27
- Patagonia Lake State Park in Patagonia — March 22, 23

- Catalina State Park in Tucson — April 5, 6 and April 12, 13
- Buckskin Mountain State Park in Parker — May 3, 4
- Red Rock State Park in Sedona — May 10, 11
- Lyman Lake State Park in St. Johns — June 7, 8

The activities families will experience may include (depending on the park attending) mountain biking, hiking, fishing, archery, geocaching, animal demos, campfire stories, birding, and more.

Families should bring sleeping bags or any bedding, pillows, camping chairs, flashlights, clothing, sturdy shoes and personal items including toothpaste, towels, soap, etc. However, the following will be provided: tents, sleeping mats, lanterns, GPS units, and all activity equipment. Plus

water, lemonade, coffee and food including one lunch, one dinner, one breakfast, snacks and campfire treats.

The registration fee is \$85 for a family of four and any additional family member is \$5 for each person. Children 5 years and younger and pets cannot attend this program. The registration is limited. To register or for more information, visit [AZStateParks.com/family](http://AZStateParks.com/family).

The Arizona Family Campout Program is made possible by an AmeriCorps grant through the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. AmeriCorps is a National Service initiative, promoted and supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Program is also supported by Lower Gear Backpacking Center and local community sponsors.

## Off-Highway Vehicle Ambassadors Offer 'Show Me' Rides Plus Meet/Greet Sessions

The Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Ambassadors are offering a chance for people to come out, get involved and get to know the area at the very popular Boulders/Hieroglyphic Mountains, Table Mesa OHV locations and Wildcat OHV location.

The "Show Me" experience is for those who are current OHV or four-wheeling riders or who have recently purchased an ATV, UTV, motorcycle or Jeep and want to know where to ride or wheel off-highway, or for those that want to learn more about the most popular riding/wheeling areas in the Phoenix Area.

### Be Ready To Hit The Trail

At the classes, participants will be introduced to the area by reviewing maps, explaining the types of trails available in the area, review proper riding/wheeling

etiquette/safety information, and taking a ride around the area with the OHV Ambassadors and their decades of experience.

Those who come out will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn from some of the most experienced and knowledgeable riders in the area. Bring your ATV, UTV, motorcycle, Jeep or other off-highway vehicle and be ready to hit the trail.

We encourage those interested in attending a session or those who would like more information about this program to drop us an email at [ohv@azstateparks.gov](mailto:ohv@azstateparks.gov).

### Spring 2014 Schedule - Table Mesa

April 5 — 9 a.m. - Little Pan Staging Area

May 3 — 8 a.m. - Little Pan Staging Area

Directions to Little Pan Staging Areas



- Take the Table Mesa Road Exit on I-17 just north of New River, turn west and then take frontage road North. Follow Table Mesa Road staying right at the first two forks. Take a left at the third fork and follow to the staging area. Staging area is approximately 4 miles from I-17. The OHV

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### CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK

# Memorable Hiking Is Close To Home

By Margie Anderson

When conditions are right, you don't have to go far from Phoenix to see spectacular wildflower displays. We've had some decent rains this winter, so this might be one of those years.

One place you should definitely try is Cave Creek Regional Park. The park has over 11 miles of trails, and the hikes range from less than a quarter mile in length to almost six miles. We hiked the Overton Trail and part of the Go John in early April one year and the flowers were incredible — in places, the blossoms were waist high right up to the edges of the trail. Glorious!

The Overton Trail is just over two miles long and takes you around the base of a mountain until it meets up with the Go John Trail. You can go back the same way you came, but we took a right turn at this point and followed the Go John 1.3 miles back to the parking lot.

### Overton Trail

The Overton Trail is fairly level and is rated moderate, but we were with a group that included several very young children and they had no trouble with it at all, even on the portion of the Go John that we took. I would recommend that you take the Overton and head west if you are planning



April Flowers In Cave Creek Regional Park

Fellowship Adventures Hike

to return on the Go John, because that way you'll be going downhill on the Go John.

The trails at Cave Creek Regional Park are very well marked, with trail markers at every junction. You can print out maps at [http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/cave\\_creek/](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/cave_creek/).

To access the Overton Trail, you get off the Cave Creek Parkway at the trailhead sign. It's about a 500-foot walk to the main trail. If you take a right at the trail, you will pass a side trail that leads to the

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### RIDES

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Ambassadors will meet you at the main kiosk.

### Spring 2014 Schedule - Boulders

March 30 — 9 a.m. - Boulders Staging Area

April 26 — 9 a.m. - Boulders Staging Area

Directions to Boulders Staging Area - Take SR74 (Carefree Highway) West from I-17 past Lake Pleasant to milepost 11.5. Turn North onto well graded dirt road for approximately 1 mile. The OHV Ambassadors will meet you in the south end of the staging area at the 3-panel kiosk.

### Spring 2014 Schedule - Wildcat

April 19 — 9 a.m. - Wildcat Staging Area

Directions to Wildcat Staging Area - From the intersection of Cave Creek Road

and Pima Road in North Scottsdale follow Cave Creek Road east for approximately 4 miles and turn right following signs to Bartlett Lake onto Bartlett Dam Road.

Follow Bartlett Dam road for 1 mile and look for a right turn onto a well graded dirt road...there is a sign for the Wildcat Staging area at the right turn.

Follow dirt road for approximately .25 mile into old gravel pit which is the staging area. Be careful as dirt road is narrow and often two way traffic. The OHV ambassadors will meet you in the staging area.

### Promote Responsible Recreation

The Arizona OHV Ambassador program is a volunteer program which provides a means for private citizens to work with a variety of federal, state, and local land managers and public safety officials in Arizona to promote responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on public, state, and private lands.

**March 22** — Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeology Park Petroglyph Discovery Hike 7 - 10 am. Sponsored by the PGM. An experienced PGM guide will lead participants on a three-mile, three-hour interpretive hike through South Mountain. Advance registration is required by March 20. Laura Andrew, (602) 495-0901 or [laura.andrew@phoenix.gov](mailto:laura.andrew@phoenix.gov).

**March 22** — Deer Valley Rock Art Center Rock Art Expo 10 am - 4 pm. Visit the Deer Valley Rock Art Center for its biggest event of the year! Free. Jillian Viar, (623) 582-8007 or [jviar@asu.edu](mailto:jviar@asu.edu).

**March 28** — Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeology Park Tour of the Park of Four Waters 10 - 11 am. Tours are free with paid administration. Laura Andrew, (602) 495-0901 or [laura.andrew@phoenix.gov](mailto:laura.andrew@phoenix.gov) or [www.PuebloGrande.com](http://www.PuebloGrande.com).

### Wickenburg

**March 21 - 23** — Desert Caballeros Western Museum 9th Annual Invitational Exhibition and Sale: Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West 10 am - 3 pm. DCWM, 21 N. Frontier St. Contact Becky Rovey, (928) 684-2272, ext. 102, [www.westernmuseum.org](http://www.westernmuseum.org), for ticket information.

**March 25** — Desert Caballeros Western Museum Desert Adventure Tour: Ghost Towns. 9 am - 3 pm. Becky Rovey, (928) 684-2272, ext. 102, [www.westernmuseum.org](http://www.westernmuseum.org), for ticket information.

### MORGAN

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structed Conservation Education Center. The museum itself has also undergone extensive renovations and is now open to the public.

The list of sponsors for National Hunting and Fishing Day 2014 includes Wonders of Wildlife, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Bass Pro Shops, Realtree, Yamaha, GunBroker.com, Izaak Walton League, Ducks Unlimited, Scout, National Wild Turkey Foundation, Smith & Wesson and Outdoor Channel.

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### WILDLIFE

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heights of our northern pines.

Series producers David Majure and Ben Avechucuo highlight Arizona's efforts to conserve bighorn sheep, pronghorn, desert tortoises and other animals, and reveal insights from many of the dedicated biologists and wildlife managers who work for the Game and Fish Department.

*Arizona Wildlife Views* episodes will repeat Saturday mornings at 6:30 and again on Tuesday mornings at 5 a.m. The show also appears on municipal cable TV channels throughout the state.

For more information, or to see past episodes of *Arizona Wildlife Views*, visit [www.azgfd.gov/video](http://www.azgfd.gov/video)

OHV use.

OHV Ambassadors also participate in special projects to enhance OHV areas in Arizona. OHV Ambassadors receive extensive training from professional training representatives and serve as a point of contact for other OHV users to obtain helpful and timely information about the trails they ride.

### ARCHEOLOGY

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Remaining events are as follow:

### Coolidge

**March 23, 29** — Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Ancient Technology Day 10 am - 2 pm ; Diana Garcia, (520) 723-3172, ext. 112.

**March 22, 30** — Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Site Tour: Backcountry Sites at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument 9 am.. (520) 723-3172 (must talk with ranger to confirm tour, not just leave a message)

### Mesa

**Thursdays through Sundays in March** — Mesa Grande, 10th & Date St. Tours of Mesa Grande Mound and Museum Thursdays & Fridays 10 am - 4 pm; Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm; Sundays noon - 4 pm. Tours of Mesa Grande Mound and Museum. Must be booked at least one week in advance; Alison Stoltman, (480) 644-3553 or [alison.stoltman@mesaz.gov](mailto:alison.stoltman@mesaz.gov) or [www.azmnh.org](http://www.azmnh.org).

### Phoenix

**March 22** — Pioneers Cemetery/Park is located along W. Jefferson Ave. at 14th Ave. Historical Walk: Pioneers' Cemetery. 10:30 am registration, 11 am tour. Debe Branning, (602) 534-1262 or [nazanaza@aol.com](mailto:nazanaza@aol.com).

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Lake Havasu Welcome



Miss Geico

### BOAT SHOW

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interested in seeing the newest the boating industry has to offer, Lake Havasu Boat Show in April is the place to do it."

### Cars, Water Skis, And Chili

But more exhibitors and new boat models aren't the only things that Lake Havasu Boat Show attendees have to look forward to on April 11-13. In addition to the return of the Legends by the Lake Car Show and NWSRA-sanctioned water ski races on Saturday and Sunday, the boat show also plays host to the 2nd Annual International Chili Society chili cook-off competition on Saturday open to all chefs.

The chili and salsa contest, with proceeds going to benefit the Lake Havasu

High School Athletic Booster Club, is offering over \$2,500 in cash prizes to the various winners in each category. Best of all, attendees have the opportunity to sample all the recipes by purchasing a \$5 tasting kit while at the boat show." Entry forms for the chili and salsa competition are available online at the boat show website, <http://www.lakehasusboatshow.com>.

### A Wow: The WaterCar

If you're a recent viewer of ABC TV's hit prime time show, *The Bachelor*, you might have caught the WaterCar in action. Well, the WaterCar will also be in action at the Havasu Boat Show too with several of its models. After nearly a decade in development, the WaterCar is now in full

production at its Fountain Valley, California factory.

It recently made headlines in the *Orange County Register* newspaper after becoming the first amphibious vehicle to successfully make a non-stop open ocean crossing from Newport Beach to Avalon Harbor on Catalina Island, a distance of approximately 31 miles in a little over one hour.

### Miss Geico To Appear

For fans of offshore power boat racing, don't miss the special appearance of Miss Geico, the reigning 2013 offshore world champion. This will be the only opportunity in 2014 to see this remarkable 150+ mph race boat in person in the Southwest before it begins defense of its world title for the coming season.

### The Details

Boat show hours are: Friday, April 11 from noon to 6pm, Saturday, April 12 9am to 6pm and Sunday, April 13 9am to 3pm. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and kids 6 and under are free. Parking is also free. Food courts and two beer gardens will also be open to serve visitors. For those interested in buying a new boat, boat demos are available on a by appointment basis immediately following the boat show on Sunday afternoon and all day on Monday, April 14.

For additional boat show information and a complete directory listing of exhibitors, please log on to <http://www.lakehasusboatshow.com>



Joy Riding In The WaterCar

### LAKE POWELL

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stripers in 2014 will be able to feed on the surface and chase shad. Boils may happen in summer but in the spring look in the backs of main canyons in the colored water. Troll shallow, mid range and deep runners to find fish.

When a striper is hooked trolling, drop spoons or cast lures as the fish is played in case the following school comes under the boat. If an inactive school is graphed while trolling mark the spot with a floating marker and return with jigging spoons to see if the school will cooperate.

### Best Trolling Lures

The best trolling lures the past few years were Lucky Craft Pointers, Glass Shad Raps, and Storm Deep Thundersticks. It is good to have an assortment of lures but the real key point when trolling is to locate the fish-holding zone.

Stripers may hold at a spot on a shoreline where a point extends into the lake, or over a submerged hump at 30 feet in 60 feet of water or in a hundred other places. The important point here is to mark the location of each hookup and immediately return to the exact spot. Many times stripers can be caught at exactly the same spot while all the water in the immediate vicinity of the "sweet spot" seems fishless.

### During The Season

Throughout the season, my fish reports will highlight these fishing subtleties and identify hotspots as reported by anglers covering the length of the lake. If you are lucky enough to find a super fishing spot or a subtle key to catching fish, please report it to me and I will broadcast it in the next fishing report. Then anglers can use your spot and pay up with their reports as they leave the lake.

Lake Powell is so big it takes a fishing village to understand it. We invite you all to join the village and share your insights on [Waynesville.com](http://Waynesville.com)

At press time, lake elevation was 3575 and water temperature, 50-53F.

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# DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Mar.



## BEYOND ARIZONA

**YELLOWTAIL DERBY:** May 4-June 7 — See story on page 8.

**DAY AT THE DOCKS:** April 13 — See story on page 1.

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## BOATING

**TEMPE: 9TH ANNUAL TEMPE TOWN LAKE OUTRIGGER CANOE ASSOCIATION REGATTA:** April 12 — outrigger teams from California, Hawaii and Arizona will compete in a full day of outrigger sprints in six-man canoes and stand up paddleboards, hula dancers, Hawaiian music, and "ono" Hawaiian food will attract and entertain the crowds on shore, bring lawn chairs and blankets, free, 8 am — 5 pm, <http://www.tempeoutrigger.net/>

**TEMPE:** March 22-23 — 11th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival — Tempe Town Lake, 50 dragon boat racing teams from all over the world are expected to participate, 40-foot-long rowing canoes, 20 paddlers, one steersperson & a drummer in a 500-meter race, also features music, food, vendors and performances by martial arts and dance groups, fundraiser, free, 9 am — 4 pm, <http://www.azdba.com>

**LAKE HAVASU CITY:** March 21-23 — Mid-Winter Hobie Regatta — Waters North of the Island, free to spectators, 10 am — 5 pm, 928-854-4697 or <http://www.lhyc.net>  
**GLOBE:** Through May 31 — Salt River Whitewater Rafting Season - White Mountain Apache Reservation, (not the tubing section of river), half-day, full-day, and overnight wilderness trips of up to 5 days, <http://www.azroa.org/>

**LAKE HAVASU CITY:** April 11-13 — Havasu Marine Association's 23rd Annual Boat Show — LH State Park Windsor, features more than forty different brands of boats, cruisers and sportboats, plus hundreds of marine accessory products, Chili Cook-Off and Salsa Challenge is new this year, \$3, 12 and under free, <http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com> or <http://golakehavasu.com>

## CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK AND TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK:** March 29 and April 5 — Separate Star Parties. Lost Dutchman will hold one on Saturday, March 29, and Tonto Natural Bridge will hold one on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Families



are welcome to come spend an evening and observe the wonders of the night sky through astronomers' telescopes.

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

**AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES:** Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

## COMMUNITY

**PHOENIX: CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE:** April 4-6 — Desert Botanical Garden, Society members showcase hundreds of their best plants competing for ribbons and trophies with the public invited to choose their favorite, also outstanding cactus and succulent growers from throughout the Southwest present plants for sale, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org> or <http://centralarizonacactus.org/show.html>

## FISHING

**LAKE HAVASU CITY:** April 5 — 34th Annual Lake Havasu Pro-Am Bass Tournament — Lake Havasu State Park, learn from the pros during a friendly competition for the Big Fish prize or catch a tagged fish for a chance to win, \$225/team, 5:30 am, 928-846-1052 or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

## HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

**PHOENIX:** April 3-6 — 2014 AAE Arizona Cup - Ben Avery Shoot Facility, a world ranking and a US Archery Team qualifier, more than 300 archers from around the world compete, include Olympians and world champions as well as local archers including youth, free, <http://www.arizonacup.com>

**2ND ANNUAL GO OUTDOORS EVENT:** June 7-8 — Prescott, Ariz.; Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, (928) 777-0532; Fax (928) 515-7534; ahudson@ypit.com; [www.Frontier-Village.com](http://www.Frontier-Village.com)

## SHOWS AND EXPOS

**PHOENIX:** March 29-30 — Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo — Ben Avery Shooting Facility, hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, archery, off-highway vehicle (OHV) and watercraft recreation, conservation and wildlife education, camping and other outdoor elements, free, Sat 9 am — 5 pm, Sun 9 am — 4 pm, 602-942-3000 or <http://www.azgfd.gov/expo>

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**Frozen:**  
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**Swimming:**  
**TEMPE: MARQUEE TRIATHLON:** April 13 — Tempe Beach Park, kicks off Southwest triathlon season, with sprint and international distance events, something for everyone from first-time triathlete to the seasoned pro, and featuring a start area and transitions located near the Tempe Center for the Arts in beautiful Tempe Beach Park. International Course: 1.5-kilometer swim | 45-kilometer bike | 10-kilometer run. Sprint Course: .75-kilometer swim | 22.5-kilometer bike | 5-kilometer run, <http://www.redrockco.com>

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## CONGRATULATIONS, CURLERS!

# Coyotes Curling Club 'Howls' At Success

By Shawn Tait

We are almost there. The final tasks are being completed and the ice is being prepped. After several months of hard work and long hours, we are in our final few days at our new dedicated curling facility in Tempe, Ariz. See you on the ice!

### Let's Curl

**Spring Training Bonspiel:** March 21-23 — This will be an open bonspiel, for all to enter. You can find out the details at [www.springtrainingbonspiel.com](http://www.springtrainingbonspiel.com) and register online. You can sign up as a team, or send an e-mail if you are interested in playing, but don't have a team.

**Desert Ice Bonspiel:** April 10 — 13 — The big one! We will need volunteers to help with all aspects of this event as it is sold out with 32 teams descending

on our club.

**Learn To Curl, Leagues:** All of the Learn-To-Curlers will be announced shortly. Planned to start soon, the leagues will run their full length of 10 to 12 weeks, (Two five-week sessions for the Wednesday PM league). You can always buy a gift certificate from our site and redeem it at one of the many events we will have. For more information on leagues, visit our registration page at <http://coyotescurling.com/leagueregistration.html>. If you have any questions on leagues, you can e-mail our League Coordinator Shawn Tait ([shawntait@coyotescurling.com](mailto:shawntait@coyotescurling.com)) and for questions on the Learn-To-Curlers, email Darryl Horsman: [theskip@coyotescurling.com](mailto:theskip@coyotescurling.com).

**League And Membership Registration:** League registration is still up and running on our Web site: <http://coyotescurling.com>. Please let us know

what league(s) you are interested in playing in. This will help us to continue to work out our schedule. The future schedule for the new facility is online. Go to our Web site for updates.

**Fundraising:** We still need a bit more money to pay for the final items of our new club. Here are some of the fundraising efforts:

**1) Buy a Brick Program:** Displayed in the warm room of our curling club. Prices are \$300 for 1 line of print, \$600 for 2 lines and \$1,200 for businesses; the program is open to anyone.

**2) Sponsorship Opportunities:** In-ice logos, wall logos and naming rights for leagues and the building. Contact Darryl Horsman ([theskip@coyotescurling.com](mailto:theskip@coyotescurling.com)) for more information and/or download the sponsorship packet.

**3) Bond Program:** Bonds earn 5 percent interest and are for 10 years.

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**Wiring:** Every boater needs an extra 12V outlet at the helm, or knows of a corroded wire or two somewhere on the boat that needs fixing. If you want to take on this project yourself, here are some tips on wiring: <http://www.BoatUS.com/boattech/articles/choosing-cabels-and-terminals.asp>.

**Paint and Varnish:** Generally you need warm weather for these projects — but

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**Line Splicing:** Maybe it's an extra-long spring line you've always wanted, or dock lines that will actually fit your boat's cleats. Start splicing now because you will never want to do this in the summer. Here's how to do it: [www.BoatUS.com/boattech/casey/rope.asp](http://www.BoatUS.com/boattech/casey/rope.asp)

**Chart and Electronics Updates:** Does

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**Tacklebox Overhaul:** You're never going to want to do this once the fish start biting. BoatUS Angler pro Steve Chaconas shows how to get your tacklebox into shape at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMzNtKvBic>.





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Visitors arrive early and stay late, she said. Parking is at a premium around the Landings but free parking and free round-trip shuttle service to and from the festival is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For visitors coming out for the weekend, special Day At The Docks rates have been arranged at several area hotels. Check the website at [www.sportfishing.org](http://www.sportfishing.org) for more information.

**Displays, Seminars**

The sportfishing industry's leading manufacturers will display the latest in fishing tackle and some of the West Coast's recognized experts will conduct seminars periodically at the various stages, revealing their secrets on improved fishing techniques and results. Inexpensive introductory bay tours will be

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Bringing back a popular attraction introduced last year, several times during the day very large fish will be presented by skilled crews who will demonstrate the different ways there are to clean and prep a huge fish. Filleting demonstrations of local game fish will take place through out the day on boats in the fleet.

Captains and crews, aboard their boats, will share their wealth of knowledge acquired over a lifetime; other experts will conduct "how-to-do-it" seminars covering different aspects of sportfishing as well as local chefs will offer tips on how to prepare and cook your catch.

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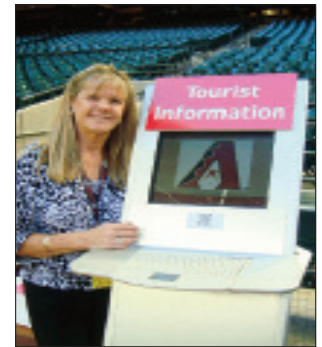
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until construction is completed on the boat ramp and other facilities. On March 3, the Arizona Game and Fish Department began these renovations of the Arivaca Lake property.

The work is anticipated to last throughout March, with the newly renovated facility being re-opened in early

April. The existing restroom and parking area will remain open to the public throughout the construction period, and the lake shore will remain open to pedestrian access on unimproved trails See more details on the improvements in the full report.

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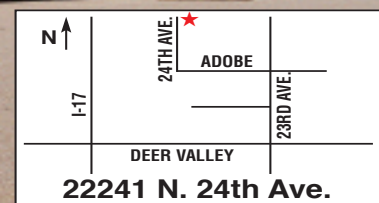
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**HIKING**

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Stop by the nature center to check out the critter-viewing center and look at the items available in the shop, which has things like books and cards and even bot-

tlated water for sale.

**Clay Mine, Slate, Quartz, Jasper Trails**

There are several very easy hikes in the park: the Clay Mine Trail is less than a mile long and the Slate Trail is just over a mile and half. These trails are mostly

smooth and wide, but not paved. Also, both these trails are out and back, so that doubles the actual distance you will hike.

There are no trails as of yet that are handicapped accessible. The Quartz Trail and Jasper Trail are listed separately, but they are simply little bits of trail that connect others, so they are added to a hike, not

hikes in themselves.

You can put together a variety of hikes by getting a map and hiking parts of various trails to make a loop as long as you like. Almost all the trails are shared use, so you may encounter horses and/or

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mountain bikers. Hikers yield to horses, and bikers are supposed to yield to hikers and horses.

**Flume Trail**

The Flume Trail at 2.3 miles is listed as moderate, but you have to hike a bit on the Slate trail to get to it, so it is longer than listed: you need to go about ¾ of a mile on the Slate Trail.

Also, the Flume is an out and back, not a loop. The Flume trail gets its name from the remains of a mining flume that used to transport gold ore.

**Go John Trail**

The only trail rated moderate-difficult is the Go John Trail, which is almost six miles long and is a loop. You can even get to the Maricopa Trail from the Go John, and head to Spur Cross Ranch. To do this, you would take the Overton west then north, and turn left when you reach the Go John.

You will come to the Maricopa Trail at the northernmost reach of the Go John. Turn right here and you will stay on the Go John. Turn left and you're headed for Spur Cross. Again, print out the maps available on the Maricopa Parks Web site to put together a killer hike to suit your abilities.

**Guided Hikes**

There are guided hikes available at the park as well. The park offers Spring Fitness Hikes, Photography Hikes, and hikes to the Clay Mine to learn and explore. In fact, if you want to go inside the Clay Mine, you can only do it on one of these guided hikes.

The entry fee to the park is only \$6 per vehicle, and the guided hikes are included in this fee. Just wear sturdy shoes and a hat, bring water, and be at the designated spot at the right time.

**Picnic And Camp**

The park has several picnic areas, including group areas that can be reserved. There is a playground and beach volleyball area, restrooms, and campgrounds including RV spaces. There are 38 campsites and each can accommodate up to a 45-foot RV.

The camping includes water and electric, dump station, picnic tables and grills, and fire ring. There are also very nice restrooms and showers with hot water.

You can reserve a site at <http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>. Camping fee for developed sites is \$25 per night. If all the sites are full, there is an overflow area that is basically a big parking lot with access to water.

**'Away From It All'**

Cave Creek Regional Park is a wonderful place to visit in the spring. The trails will make you feel as if you're far away from it all, even though you're close to Phoenix and Cave Creek.

To get there from Phoenix, take I-17 north to Carefree Hwy (SR 74). Exit Carefree Hwy, and travel east to 32nd St. (7 miles). Turn north on 32nd St. to the Cave Creek Regional Park entrance.

Kids will love it, and no matter what your fitness level, you'll find lots to look at and plenty to do.

To rent horses and get information re: prices, etc., call Cave Creek Trail Rides — a recreation service partner with Maricopa County Parks and Recreation — at (623) 742-6700.

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