

# MARCH 2013 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



## Saturday, March 2, 2013

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 1:30 p.m. Talk – The Eye of the Beholder

1 Hour

Meet in the Discovery Lab with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer to explore the sensual world of desert insects, reptiles, birds, and mammals. We will consider how animals perceive and interpret the wide spectrum of colors, sounds, flavors, scents, and textures of the desert.

### 2:30 p.m. Garden Walk

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 5:00 p.m. Photo Contest – Award Ceremony & Reception

2 Hours



Photo contest judge Paul Johnson will present the winners of the 2013 Anza-Borrego Desert Photo Contest at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. With every award, Paul will explain what made each photo a winner. After the ceremony, join us for the reception and silent auction. Wine and appetizers will be available. Call 760-767-4063 for more information.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire – Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

## Sunday, March 3, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Walk - Roving Naturalist in the Visitor Center Garden

3 Hours

Bonnie Clapp will be roving the garden around the Visitor Center ready to answer your questions about the wonderful diversity of desert trees, plants, birds, ants, pupfish, butterflies and whatever else strikes your fancy that is living here in our garden. Come equipped with your five senses, curiosity and imaginations.

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3-hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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## Sunday, March 3, 2013 (continued)

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too.

Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.



## Thursday, March 7, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Earthquake Valley Panorama

3.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

### 10:00 a.m. Walk – If the Rocks Could Talk

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for a moderately easy, 0.6-mile hike in “Little Surprise Canyon” and enjoy the story of this geologically complex canyon. Meet near the restrooms in the parking lot for Hellhole Canyon, on Highway S-22.

## Friday, March 8, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture ♿ – Dinosaurs of Anza-Borrego

3 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will present this lecture on Dinosaur-to-Bird Evolution as part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public, in the Discovery Lab. (Geologist Myrl Beck will present “Plate Tectonics and Advanced Geology” at 9 am on Friday, March 15, as part of the same lecture series.)

### 1:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ – Small World

1 Hour

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### 7:30 p.m. Talk – Stargazing with Binoculars (rainy or cloudy weather cancels)

1.5 Hours

Meet at the Visitor Center to discover how binoculars can help you explore the beautiful night sky! Dress warmly and bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens preferable).

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## Saturday, March 9, 2013

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 8:00 a.m. Field Trip – Secrets of Desert Cahuilla

8 Hours



Join Paul Johnson on this four-wheel-drive trip to explore the geologic wonders, rich plant life, and pristine views of the Desert Cahuilla property, one of the newest additions to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. The fee is \$70/\$60 for members.

### 9:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

2 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley (turn off Highway S-2 near Mile Marker 23 and follow the dirt road almost 3 miles). This hike will end before the *Ehmuu* Morteros hike begins, making it possible for participants to enjoy both.

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Hidden Vista

1 Hour

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habit along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2) at 10:00 a.m.

### 11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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### 12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the *Ehmuu* Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near mile marker 23).

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1 Hour

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### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans

1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Nicole at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

## Sunday, March 10, 2013

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Those Amazing Cahuillas

45 minutes

Many, many centuries ago, local Native Americans developed a sophisticated medical system that met their needs in a harsh and punishing environment. Join State Park volunteer naturalist Mike Bigelow as he compares the Cahuillas' medical program with that of the European-based system, which one physician/historian says was still in the 'dark ages' at the end the Civil War. Meet in the Discovery Room in the Visitor Center.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of Park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

## Monday, March 11, 2013

### 10:00 a.m. Botany Lecture ♿

1 Hour

Rick Halsey will give a lecture on Desert Chaparral sponsored by the ABDSP Botany Society. The public is welcome, and there is no charge. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

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## Wednesday, March 13, 2013

### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – REuse—REduce—REcycle: The Choice is Ours

45 Minutes

Do you ever wonder about the final destination of our ABDSP-collected trash and recyclables? Join Volunteer Naturalist and Career “Garbologist” Dan Leidecker as we explore the two man-made streams containing natural resources and their final destinations. A related field trip to the Materials Recovery Facility in El Centro will take place on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Allied Waste and Recycling will host us with a BBQ lunch after the tour. Sign up early at the Visitor Center for the field trip. Field trip is limited to 25 people.

### 1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

### 3:30 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this for this 2-3 mile round trip hike on uneven ground.

## Thursday, March 14, 2013

### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

4.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Pet-friendly Hike in Inspiration Wash

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a hike with your dog to a beautiful road in the park where leashed dogs are allowed. Bring your pet, a 6-foot leash, doggy bags, sturdy shoes and water. Meet at the entrance to inspiration wash off S-22.

### 10:00 a.m. Walk – If the Rocks Could Talk

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for a moderately easy, 0.6-mile hike in “Little Surprise Canyon” and enjoy the story of this geologically complex canyon. Meet near the restrooms in the parking lot for Hellhole Canyon, on Highway S-22.

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1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

## Friday, March 15, 2013

### 10:00 a.m. Tour – Second Annual Tour of Allied Waste and Recycling

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist/Career “Garbologist” Dan Leidecker on a special tour of the Imperial Valley sanitary landfill, resource recovery facility, and a view of the 25-acre manmade burrowing owl habitat. Included is a hosted BBQ lunch. **You must sign up at Visitor Center in advance.** (See talk description “ReUse - Reduce – Recycle” on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.) Limit 25 people.

### 9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture ♿ – Plate Tectonics and Advanced Geology

3 Hours

Geologist Myrl Beck will present this lecture in the Discovery Lab. Open to the public.

## March 15 & 17, 2013

### Traditional Native Gathering and Processing Methods of Agave

2 Days



Participate with Daniel McCarthy in the several day process of traditional agave gathering, it roasting and tasting. Learn about the cultural landscape and environment, as well as the specific uses of *Agave desertii* and other native plants. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. The fee is \$90/\$80 for ABF members.

## Saturday, March 16, 2013

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 1:30 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ – Small World

1 Hour

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1 Hour

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### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

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## VALLECITO DAYS

### Mapping the West March 16 – 17, 2013

Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday: 10 am – 2 pm

*Join us for the seventh annual Vallecito Days, celebrating life on the 1860s frontier and the role of the Southern Overland trails in “Mapping the West.”*

*Visit with a 19th century surveyor, and the pioneer men and women dressed up in period attire. Watch trail riders on horse and mule, as they camp and host activities appropriate for that period in our history.*

- Tour the Vallecito Stage Station
- Visit the Mountain Man camp for hands-on demonstrations
- Free exhibits
- Outdoor cooking
- Experience historic firearms, and frontier equipment
- 1850s and 1860s attire is encouraged

**OPEN TO ALL AGES**

### VALLECITO COUNTY PARK

37349 County Route S-2

(Mile Marker 34-35)

Vallecito Valley, CA 92036

760-765-1188

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## Sunday, March 17, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

**30 Minutes**

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild”.

## Thursday, March 21, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rock fall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

### 10:00 a.m. Walk – If the Rocks Could Talk

**1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for a moderately easy, 0.6-mile hike in “Little Surprise Canyon” and enjoy the story of this geologically complex canyon. Meet near the restrooms in the parking lot for Hellhole Canyon, on Highway S-22.



### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Milling around Mine Wash

**4 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how the ingenious desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. During this trip we will be discussing how Indians used mesquite, agaves, creosote and other plants. We’ll stop at a mesquite grove in Yaqui Wells, and then visit an important ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash to look at a rock shelter and ceremonial features. We’ll also see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Who knows, we may even see some wild flowers. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot.

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## March 22 – 24, 2013

### Coyote Canyon Spring Backpack Adventure

**3 Days**



Spend three days in Beautiful Coyote Canyon on this rugged backpack adventure with Scot Martin and Janene Colby. The trip will take you away from the valley's spring crowds and into a diverse region of the park with lush riparian habitats, a wide-open valley and rocky canyons that beg to be explored. Includes 2 nights of backcountry camping and hiking over rugged terrain. Participants provide their own equipment and meals. The fee is \$160/\$140 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

## Saturday, March 23, 2013

### 8:00 a.m. Walk – Coral Canyon

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on a search for spring wildflowers. This is a fairly easy walk across the desert, starting at the Visitor Center parking lot. Have water, hat, and appropriate walking shoes. Park rangers kept a horse in a corral in this area in the 1970's and hence the name. We will enjoy a 2-mile leisurely walk.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – South Rockhouse Loop

**6 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a hike to the other rockhouse in the southern part of the park. We could see some great flower displays along the way, plus the other Una Palma. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet near Mile Marker 48 on Highway S-2.

### 9:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

**2 Hours**

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley (turn off Highway S-2 near Mile Marker 23 and follow the dirt road almost 3 miles). This hike will end before the `Ehmuu Morteros hike begins, making it possible for participants to enjoy both.



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### 1:00 p.m. Puppet Workshop for Kids – If Desert Animals Could Talk 3 Hours



During this interactive workshop with Roger Riolo, children will work collaboratively to create original themed stories and bring them to life using desert-animal hand puppets. A show at 6:30 that evening provides participants the opportunity to present their puppet plays. The workshop is designed for children ages 6-12 for a fee of \$25 for one and \$40 for two children. The general public of all ages is invited to enjoy the evening puppet show for \$5 s person. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ 1 Hour

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## Sunday, March 24, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

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## Monday, March 25, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

### 5:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

**5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

## Tuesday, March 26, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Elephant Safari

**3 Hours**

The Elephant Tree is rarely found in the U.S. The largest “herd” resides in Alma Wash in Anza-Borrego. Come join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderate, rocky, 3-mile ramble to observe the Elephant Tree in its natural alluvial-fan habitat. Meet at the Elephant Trees Trail parking off Split Mountain Road. Low-clearance vehicles can be parked below the trailhead.

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## Tuesday, March 26, 2013 (continued)

### 3:30 p.m. Hike – Stroll into the Sunset Wash

**3 Hours**

Sunset Wash is a picturesque example of the canyons that drain out of the Vallecito Mountains. Come join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderately-paced 3-mile exploration over somewhat rocky terrain. Meet at the entrance to Nude Wash, off Highway 78, about 0.25 mile east of call box 78-822 and just west of the road sign listing the mileage to Ocotillo Wells.

## Wednesday, March 27, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Harper Cabin/Pinyon Wash

**5-6 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike to Harper Flat, the cabin, and the Pinyon drop-off. The terrain is generally even, but the hike is about 7 miles. Wear sturdy footwear; bring water and a light lunch. Four-wheel drive required, but we'll car-pool up the jeep road. Meet at the junction of State Highway 78 and Pinyon Wash (about 4 miles east of Tamarisk Grove).

## Thursday, March 28, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

**4 Hours**

Join Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a cool trip up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up many dry falls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor. Meet at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, south of the park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Four-wheel drive is not required. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Hornblende Canyon

**6 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber and Ann Keenan on a strenuous hike in Hornblende Canyon. We'll check out wildflowers along the way as we enjoy one of the most beautiful but overlooked canyons in the park. Bring hiking stick(s), ample water, hiking boots, and lunch. Meet at entrance to Blair Valley at 9am. Hike is about 5 miles. Sign up at Visitor Center. Hike is limited to 12 people.

### 10:00 a.m. Walk – If the Rocks Could Talk

**1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for a moderately easy, 0.6-mile hike in "Little Surprise Canyon" and enjoy the story of this geologically complex canyon. Meet near the restrooms in the parking lot for Hellhole Canyon, on Highway S-22.

## Friday, March 29, 2013

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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# MARCH 2013 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



## Saturday, March 30, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Roving Naturalist in the Visitor Center Garden 3 Hours

Bonnie Clapp will be roving the garden around the Visitor Center ready to answer your questions about the wonderful diversity of desert trees, plants, birds, ants, pupfish, butterflies and whatever else strikes your fancy that is living here in our garden. Come equipped with your five senses, curiosity and imaginations.

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers 45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk 1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire – Ranger Surprise 1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

## Sunday, March 31, 2013

### 8:00 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk 2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Exploration 5 Hours



Join Paul Johnson for a moderately strenuous hike in the mountains along the western flank of Anza-Borrego. This area offers outstanding scenery and excellent displays of chaparral plants, some of which may already be blooming, and a chance to look for bighorn sheep. The fee is \$45/\$35 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon 3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

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### DESERT SAFETY

- ✓ **Carry water AND drink it**  
Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.
- ✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**  
Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**  
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.
- ✓ **Have a plan.**  
Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**  
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **Leave snakes alone.**  
Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.
- ✓ **When emergencies happen ...**  
Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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