Saturday, November 5, 2011
11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ◎

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover what you can learn by looking closely! Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

12:00 p.m. - Talk - Tailgate Tours

Join the only CA state park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will meet and be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Take Palm Canyon Drive east from Christmas Circle to S22. Airport on the left.

12:00 p.m. Hike - Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

Saturday-Sunday, November 5-6, 2011
1:00 p.m. Class – Desert Night Sky Photography

Instructor: Dennis Mammana Fee: $100/$90 for ABF Members

If you enjoy photography and are fascinated by the desert night sky, this two-day hands-on workshop is for you! Noted night-sky photographer Dennis Mammana will teach participants how to use even the simplest of cameras—along with a few tricks of the trade—to create magnificent celestial portraits. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

Sunday, November 6, 2011
8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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Friday, November 11, 2011
8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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9:00 a.m. Class – Introduction to the Paleontology of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

District Archaeologist Dr. Lyndon Murray gives the opening lecture in this season’s series of training classes for those wanting to learn more about paleontology in the park. Open to the public.

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Friday-Saturday, November 11-12, 2011
6:00 p.m. Class – The Art of Photographic Seeing
Instructor: Paul Johnson
Fee: $100/$90 for ABF members
Start with a Friday evening lecture on light and composition, followed by a day of shooting in magnificent Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Learn to find the elusive combination of light and subject by shooting in a variety of desert settings with a goal of perfecting your “photographic seeing.”

Saturday, November 12, 2011
7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk at the Visitor Center
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 - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon
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Saturday, November 12, 2011
6:00 p.m. Campfire Program at Bow Willow – Owls: The Eyes into Your Culture
Bow Willow Ranger Dennis takes you on a journey exploring why owls are important to numerous cultures. This is not your typical campfire program but takes you back to a time when people gathered around a campfire, telling stories. This story tells the tale of the night’s silent hunters’ position in different cultures’ mythology through the use of various forms of puppetry. This program will be at Bow Willow Campground.

Saturday, November 12, 2011
7:30 p.m. – Campfire - Walking Mysteries of Anza-Borrego
Take a deeper look into the past. Join Ranger Josh for a trip into the earlier times of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Campfire Center.

Sunday, November 13, 2011
9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground
Join Ranger Dennis at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, in this program geared for children, ages 7-12.

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Monday, November 14, 2011
10:00 a.m. – Lecture -  
- Native Plants and Peoples of Baja California  
This talk, given by Michael Wilken, a specialist in the expertise of indigenous peoples, is sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society and is open to the public.

Friday, November 18, 2011
8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon  
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. $8 Day use Fee required to park at trailhead.

Friday-Saturday, November 18-19, 2011
6:30 p.m. Class – Beginning Desert Tracking  
Instructor: Barry Martin  
Fee: $75/$65 for ABF members  
Learn to read the tracks and sign of desert wildlife using the age-old art of tracking. Experienced trackers from the Anza-Borrego Tracking Team will provide a lively evening indoor session, followed the next day by a hands-on outdoor dirt-time session with Western Tracking Institute founder, Barry Martin.

Saturday, November 19, 2011
8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon  
Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander 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. $8 Day use Fee required to park at trailhead.

11:00 a.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros  
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2:00 p.m. Talk -  
- “Song Dog” … The Wiley Coyote  
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.

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Saturday, November 19, 2011
3:00 p.m. Guided Hike at Bow Willow – “Remembering Nature” 90 Minutes
This exploratory nature hike with Ranger Dennis will start you on your journey to enjoying the nature that surrounds you. Each person will need to bring a sketch book and pencils or pen. The hike will begin and end at the Bow Willow campground interpretive panels.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - Who are the Creatures in Your Neighborhood? 1 Hour
Diurnal, Nocturnal, Desert Life
Relies on temperature to make livin’ right!
Come to campfire with Ranger Steve
Learn things about Desert Creatures you won’t believe!
Meet Ranger Steve at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Campfire Center

7:30 p.m. – Lecture - Ricardo Breceda and the Sky Art of Borrego Valley 1 Hour
More than 120 metallic sculptures known as “Sky Art” are scattered throughout Borrego Valley against the backdrop of the magnificent Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Diana Lindsay, author of Ricardo Breceda: Accidental Artist, will present the story of how these stunning and fantastic sculptures came to be, accompanied by the artist. Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. $5

Sunday, November 20, 2011
7:00 a.m. Tracking Walk in Warner Springs 4 Hours
Meet at the State Park Visitor Center to carpool to Warner Springs for a morning of tracking with members of the Anza-Borrego Tracking Team. Participants who prefer to meet the group in Warner Springs should be at the Warner Springs gas station at 7:45 a.m.

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk at the Visitor Center 90 minutes
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.

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground 45 Minutes
Join Ranger Dennis at Bow Willow Campground to learn about the unique ecology of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, in this program geared for children, ages 7-12.

Thursday, November 24, 2011
8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon 4 Hours
Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander 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. $8 Day use Fee required to park at trailhead.

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Friday-Saturday, November 25-26, 2011  BOTANY FESTIVAL
All Day at the State Park Visitor Center  2 Days
Native Plant Sales, Garden Walks, and Native Plant Use Demonstrations both days. Artisans from Baja California will have baskets, pottery for sale. James Lightner walk and talk on Saturday.

Saturday, November 26, 2011
8:00 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. $8 Day use Fee required to park at trailhead.

11:30 a.m.  Walk – Native Plant Walk with James Lightner  1 Hour
Join plant expert James Lightner for a walk around the Visitor Center as he introduces some of the principal trees and shrubs of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. $10/$5 for ABF members.

1:00 p.m.  Lecture - James Lightner, author of San Diego County Native Plants  1 Hour
Meet in the Discovery Lab at the State Park Visitor Center, for this talk sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society. Seating is limited.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - Ranger Encounters!  1 Hour
Join Ranger Don to explore the multitude of remarkable experiences a Ranger might encounter while patrolling Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s great expanses! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Campfire Center. P.S. Campfire songs are always a possibility.

Sunday, November 27, 2011
7:30 a.m.  Walk - Beginner’s Bird Walk  90 minutes
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.

9:00 a.m.  Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground  45 Minutes
Join Ranger Dennis at Bow Willow Campground to learn about some of the unique plants found in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, in this program geared for children, ages 7-12.

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. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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 the Park and in town too! Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

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DESSERT 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!!!