

SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Sunday – Thursday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Sunday – Saturday: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

\$6 vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)

DIRECTIONS:

From central Phoenix, take I-10 east to US 60 east. Exit Ellsworth Road south to Hunt Highway. Travel east on Hunt Highway to Thompson Road south. Turn west on Phillips Road to the San Tan Mountain Regional Park entrance.

WEBSITE:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/santan/>



Maricopa County

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September FEATURED PROGRAMS

9-11 A Walk to Remember

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Core: Health & Fitness

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Core: Outdoor Skills

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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Core: Health & Fitness

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Homeschool: Macro-Invertebrates Mayhem

Date: 9/4/2014 **Time:** 9 a.m.
Description: Have you ever wondered what creatures you'll find living in various sources of water? Would you like learn how to collect and identify the organisms that provide clues about the health of its environment? Then this class is for you. Bring your Official Water Detective curiosities as we explore the world of Macro-invertebrates both inside and outside of the Nature Center. Meet inside classroom. Open to all students ages 7-up. Under 7-years must be accompanied by parent. Limit 25 students. Materials list will be provided.
Core: Aquatics

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Core: Health & Fitness

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Sonoran Story and Craft Time: Just for Kids

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Description: What adventure will you listen to today? Come to San Tan MRP to find out! Sonoran Story and Craft Time is a wonderful way for kids to learn about our amazing desert. We will also have a make and take craft project. Bring your snacks, water, and your imagination and get ready to have fun. Meet inside the Nature Center.
Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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Reptile Feeding

Date: 9/6/2014 **Time:** 2 p.m.
Description: Reptiles, such as lizards and snakes, do not use forks and knives to help them eat their meals. Instead, they come with other tools that help get the job done. Bring your questions and join our staff to see how our cold-blooded residents eat their meals for yourself! Frozen rodent entrees will be served to the critters. Come learn about the important roles these creatures play in our dynamic food web. Feeding takes place inside the Nature Center.
Core: Animals

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Nathan Martens Arizona Memorial Candle Light Service

Date: 9/6/2014 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
Description: On this Memorial Day, honor, remember and celebrate the lives of the fallen military men and women who served in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Stop by the Nathan Martens Arizona Memorial to view the spectacular tribute listing the names of the fallen Arizona military men and women.
Core: Archaeology & History

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Full Moon Hike

Date: 9/6/2014 **Time:** 8 p.m.
Description: Discover the beauty of the Sonoran Desert at night as we hike under the light from the full moon. Join us for a pristine 2.2-mile stroll along the Stargazer Trail. Listen for the sounds of wildlife and explore the night-life atmosphere. The pace of the hike will be relatively mild or slow to help enjoy the surroundings. Flashlights are welcome. Meet at the Flag Pole.
Core: Astronomy

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Night Shredders (formerly Mountain Bike Madness)

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"Little Explorers: Just For Kids

Date: 9/13/2014 **Time:** 2 p.m.
Description: Similar to 20-questions, children will ask "Yes" or "No" questions that will provide clues as to which animal they are wearing on their back. From lizards and snakes, to skunks and bobcats, kids will learn how to ask the right questions to help them ID their critter. Meet inside the Nature Center for this unique play on questions for clues.
Core: Animals

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Homeschool: Macro-Invertebrates

Date: 9/18/2014 **Time:** 9 a.m.
Description: Our Water investigations continue. We are learning how the quality of water determines which macro-invertebrates you are likely to find. Whether you are a returning student or new, bring your Official

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Water Detective curiosities as we explore organisms of the liquid world. Meet inside classroom. Open to all students ages 7-up. Children under seven must be accompanied by parent. Limit 25 students. Materials list will be provided.

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Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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All About Desert Tortoises: Presented by Wildman Phil

Date: 9/20/2014 **Time:** 7 p.m.

Description: Wildman Phil presents one of his favorite reptiles: Tortoises. Guaranteed to be fun so bring your friends and neighbors for this crazy yet informative spin on All About Desert Tortoises. We will meet at the picnic table area. You may bring a chair, blanket, snacks, and water to this special presentation.

Core: Animals

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All About Scorpions

Date: 9/26/2014 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Description: On a warm summer night, scouring the desert floor, the scorpions of San Tan look for their next meal. But who are the "BIG 3" of San Tan? Learn about the facts, myths and reputation behind these mysterious creatures during a short presentation in the Visitor Center. Once you have learned all about scorpions you will be ready to meet them face to face on an exciting Scorpion Scavenger Hunt starting at 8p.m.

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Core: Outdoor Skills

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Desert Survival for Everyone

Date: 9/27/2014 **Time:** 12 p.m.

Description: Join special guest, Peter Marsala, as he presents how to plan a camping and hiking trip to the desert to keep you safe and found. You will learn how to plan your trip and what information to provide to family and friends about your whereabouts. And if you're not sure what essentials to take or how to enhance your hiking experiences, Peter will answer all your questions. Meet inside the Nature Center.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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Introducing the Desert

Date: 9/28/2014 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Description: Are you new to the desert? Are you wondering what is out there in this amazing land? We will be taking a short 1.3 mile hike on our Littleleaf trail and talk about all the amazing plants and animals that live in the desert. Once we are done you will never see the desert the same again. Meet at the Flag Pole.

Core: Plants

STAFF:

Park Supervisor: Sarah Steele

Interpretive Ranger: Tishia Stewart

Administrative Assistant: Peggy Mullen

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

Thank you for your continued support and interest in San Tan Mountain Regional Park. We realize that you have a choice when it comes to selecting recreation venues and appreciate your business!

Sincerely,

Sarah Steele