

# TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK



Gates Pass Road

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## SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2014

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### TUCSON MOUNTAIN GRASSES FIELD TRIP

Join botanist Meg Quinn to learn about the diversity of desert grasses that flower in response to summer rainfall.

We'll carpool from Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, to several locations in the Tucson Mountains.

Ages 12 and up. Reservations required.

**Friday, September 5 • 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

### NATURE NIGHT: DESERT NIGHT SHIFT

While most people are tucked in bed, our desert comes alive! Join Pima County naturalists on an easy hike to discover "who" is out and about in the desert at night. Learn why many animals and even some plants are nocturnal and how they manage life in the dark. Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road.

**Friday, September 5 • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

### SONORAN DESERT WEEDWACKERS

Join the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers to eradicate buffelgrass and fountain grass in Tucson Mountain Park.

Work may require hiking and pulling buffelgrass on steep slopes. Meeting locations change frequently.

Ages 12 and up. Reservations required.

**Wednesday, September 10 and 24 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, September 20 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, October 8 and 22 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, October 18 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

### PRICKLY PEAR HARVEST WORKSHOP

Learn to harvest and process the abundant and nutritious fruit of our local prickly pear cactus. You'll learn best methods for collecting the fruit and making juice that can be used in a variety of recipes and taste samples of several desert foods. Ages 12 and up. Fee \$15.

Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road. Reservations required.

**Wednesday, September 10 • 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

### A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

Explore the wonder and unfold the mysteries of the night sky. Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association volunteers provide an introduction to the night sky and set up telescopes for celestial viewing. Bring your flashlight and a lawn chair. Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road. Weather permitting.

**Saturday, September 13 • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**For more information contact: [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov) or 520-615-7855**



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