



Activities and Events

Enjoy a variety of free lectures, family events and historical presentations throughout Scottsdale

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts

25th Anniversary Celebration - Join us for a special presentation and exhibit as we celebrate the McDowell Sonoran Preserve's 25th Anniversary.

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 5 p.m.
City Hall Kiva

City Council Meeting & Preserve Month Kickoff - Celebrate the Pioneers of the Preserve and help us kickoff Preserve month.

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Mustang Library

Lecture - The Desert Ecology of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Thursday, October 3, 2019 5 - 7 p.m.
Florence Ely Nelson Desert Park

McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2019 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Scottsdale Civic Center Library

Family Storytime - Listen to stories and participate in finger plays, music and rhyming activities.

Saturday, October 12, 2019 1 - 3 p.m.
Arabian Library

Lecture - Early History of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Sunday, October 13, 2019 6:30 a.m.
DC Ranch Marketplace

Tour de Scottsdale - The 16th annual 30/70 mile bike ride kicks off at Market Street in DC Ranch.

Friday, October 18, 2019 9 a.m.
Fraesfield Trailhead

Fraesfield & Granite Mountain Trailhead Dedication

Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Appaloosa Library

Family Storytime - Listen to stories and participate in finger plays, music and rhyming activities.

Sunday, October 20, 2019 3 - 4 p.m.
Gateway Trailhead

Family Sonoran Sunday: 10 Hiking Essentials
Bring the whole family to learn the 10 essentials to hiking.

Monday, October 21, 2019 8 - 10 a.m.
Fraesfield Trailhead

Hike with Natural Resources Coordinator John Loleit
Discuss various pertinent topics while hiking in the desert.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Mustang Library

Lecture - History of the Preserve and Conservancy

Saturday, October 26, 2019 1 - 3 p.m.
Rio Verde Library

Lecture - The Modern History of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Saturday, October 26, 2019 9 a.m.
Gateway Trailhead

Trailside Naturalist - Spooktacular
Visitors of all ages have the opportunity to explore the remarkable plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 8 - 11:30 a.m.
Fraesfield Trailhead

Stoneman Road Educational Bike Ride. Learn the history of the old military road while enjoying an intermediate bike ride through the Preserve.