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## CHILI-MANIA AT LOST DUTCHMAN

**Friday, February 19th - Sunday, February 21st**

Chili-Mania will strike the East Valley February 19th-21st. Don't let yourself become a victim! Of poor planning that is. You do not want to miss this signature event. Mark your calendar now to join Desert Adventures at the beautiful Lost Dutchman State Park for our annual campout and chili cook-off.

Check out the detailed information on our website. If you have any questions contact your host, Doug at 480.991.6513.



## PICACHO PEAK HIKE

**Saturday, March 6th, Carpool starts at 8:30 am, Hike starts at 10:00 am**

One of the "must do" hikes in the area! Picacho Peak State Park is about 75 minutes south of Phoenix, just off I-10. We will meet in the parking lot of IKEA at I-10 and Warner at 8:30 a.m. for anyone who would like to carpool. We will meet at the trailhead (Barrett Loop) at 10:00 a.m. Please click the RSVP icon on our website and RSVP if you are coming so that we know to expect you. Bring gloves (VERY IMPORTANT), water, sunscreen and a hat. The hike is a 7 mile round-trip.

Don't miss this hike! The park is scheduled to close on June 3rd and will remain closed until the State finds some money. If you have any questions contact your trip leaders: Phil Slater (602-237-6422) or Eric Paskin (602-323-6437). There is no fee for this event but there is a \$6 "day use" fee per carload that you need to pay directly to the park when you arrive, so carpool and save!

## A MIDWEEK HIKE

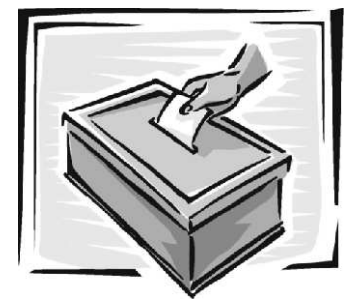
**Wednesday, March 17th, 9:00am**

As you know nearly all of our events are held on weekends but we have gotten requests for mid week events. Here's your chance to prove there is interest in mid week events!

Join us on a hike in the North Phoenix Mountain Preserve. We'll meet under the Ramada at the trailhead. Toilet facilities and a cold water fountain are available at this site. There are many different hikes from this side. The group will decide which hike we will take. The hike will be about 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Bring the usual: water, good hiking boots, and a snack. We'll lunch afterward at some place close by.

Directions: From Shea, take 40th street south for about a mile. 40th street dead ends at the trailhead. If you have any questions contact your trip leader Roy Conely at 602 485 4176.

**There is no fee for this event!**



**DA officer nominations are coming up this April.**

If you'd like to be an officer or nominate someone, please attend the April Social Meeting. Call Jeff with any questions at 623-670-8909 or email:

DA411@desertadventures.org.

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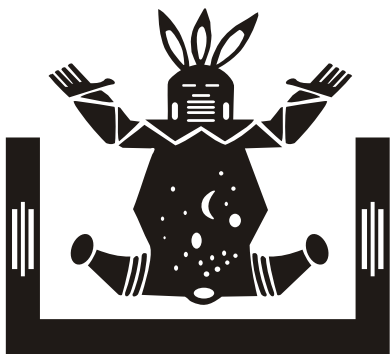
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## FINANCIALS

Beginning .....	\$4,898.70
Receipts .....	\$1,521.00
Expenses .....	\$966.04
Ending .....	\$5,453.66
Membership .....	240

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## Our 30th Anniversary

CAVE CREEK CAMPOUT  
& MEMBERS' PARTY

**Cave Creek County Park**  
**Fri., March 12th-Sun., 14th (campout)**  
**Sat., March 13th (Members' party)**



Come join Desert Adventures' members – past and present – as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for any organization! Bring all of your friends! Everyone is welcome! Don't camp? No problem! You can simply join us for the Spring Members' Party on Saturday night (or come early and join us for some of the other events). If you do decide to join us for camping you can choose one or two nights, the choice is yours!

The park is located 1.5 miles north of Carefree highway on 32nd Street. The group site has flush toilets, hot showers, fire ring, and 2 ramadas (tents can camp around one ramada). The park also has over 11 miles of hiking trails to explore. Campers may arrive anytime after 2pm on Friday; check-out is by noon on Sunday. The Saturday night dinner is free for all members (\$10 for non-members). We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers as well as beer, soft drinks and water. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and don't forget to bring firewood. Whether you are camping or just joining us for the Saturday night dinner please RSVP on the Web so that we can be sure to provide enough food and drink for everyone.

**Schedule of Events:** Friday, 7:30 pm – “Stargazing for Everyone” led by professional stargazer Tony La Conte; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – group hike; Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – guided horseback trail-ride - \$47 (plus tax) will be paid directly to Cave Creek Trail Rides; Saturday, 4:00 p.m. – cocktails; Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – dinner and 30th Anniversary Celebration. Need more information? Contact Phil at 602-237-6422 or 214-668-1368 (cell).

**The Saturday night dinner is free for members** (\$10 for non-members). If you are not joining us for camping there is a \$6 per carload "day use" fee that you will need to pay directly to the park (so carpool and save). The fee for camping is \$15 per unit (tent or RV) per night for both members and non-members plus an additional fee of \$5 per person for members (not per night) and \$23 per person for non-members (not per night). **If you're paying attention you will notice that a full weekend for a non-member will cost \$28 more than a member. Since an annual membership is only \$25 you'd save money by simply joining the club!** If you plan to go on the horseback trail ride make sure that you bring \$47 (plus tax) with you.

## Sunday, March 7th, 11am-2pm

We're looking for a few members to help us with our annual audit in Central Phoenix. Come help us and then have a fabulous lunch by Kristine!

Call Jeff for details at 623-670-8909 or by email at: [DA411@desertadventures.org](mailto:DA411@desertadventures.org).



# SEGWAY TOUR OF TUCSON

**Saturday, March 20th, 12:00 noon for lunch, 2:00 pm for the tour**

Climb aboard a self-balancing, battery-powered Segway PT for an unparalleled sightseeing experience! With insightful commentary provided by a professional guide, you'll glide right up alongside Tucson's greatest landmarks! If anyone wants to carpool, meet at IKEA (I-10 and Warner) at 9:30 a.m.; otherwise, meet at Caruso's at noon. We will stop for lunch at noon at Caruso's Italian Restaurant, 434 North 4th Avenue Tucson, Arizona 85705, (520) 624-5765 (everyone is on his/her own for payment of lunch). The tour begins at 2:00 pm at Fourth Avenue and 6th Street in Tucson (exact meeting location details will be provided upon purchase of tickets). If you have any questions contact your hosts, Tony and Ty Montano at 480-393-0732.



The fee for this event is \$68 for members, \$70 for guests (non-members). This includes tax but does not include tip. **Only 10 tickets are available** and they must be purchased by the March Social Meeting (March 2) and is non-refundable after that date.

# McDOWELL MT CAMPOUT

**Fri., March 26th- Sun. 28th,** Check in time on Fri. is 12, we need to be out by 12 on Sun.

**It's the first time Jeff is leading a campout, what could go wrong?** If you've been to the McDowells, you know it's a great campsite. If you have not, come on out, and hang with your friends for the weekend! Flush toilets, water, electricity and facilities for tents and RV's will be available. Not a lot of rules, we'll be quiet at 10pm, dogs must be kept on leashes, and no unfortunately, glass bottles.



Costs: Camping \$15 per site per night plus \$5 per person (not per night) for members (includes dinner). \$15 per person (not per night) for non-members (includes dinner). Per site is a trailer, tent, and as many people who are occupying the site. Dinner is included if you're camping, but if you drive up for the day, it's \$5 per person for members and \$7 for non members. We're doing a BYOB, and cocktail hour will begin at 4pmish. As always, please bring firewood! Jeff will be making his soon-to-be-famous spaghetti and meatballs, your favorite camping cuisine! Bring a side dish or dessert in keeping with our Italian theme! And don't forget firewood! Any questions, give Jeff a call at 623-780-1717 or 623-670-8909

**DIRECTIONS:** From central Phoenix take Loop 202 east to Beeline Hwy (SR 87) to Shea Blvd. Travel west on Shea Blvd to Saguaro Blvd, turn north. Continue through Fountain Hills to Fountain Hills Blvd, turn right, and travel 4 miles to the McDowell Mountain Regional Park entrance. You can also MapQuest or Google for a map from your location.

## EARLY NOTICE!

### Second Annual Easter Bonnet

**Brunch,** Saturday (not Easter Sunday), April 3rd, 11 am - 3 pm  
4010 N 13th Ave in Central Phoenix

We had so much fun last year we decided to hold the Easter Bonnet Brunch again this year! We will have screwdrivers, bloody marys, wine and soft drinks available. Please bring a side dish to share.

Don't forget to wear your Easter Bonnet! The parade will begin at 1 pm! There will be prizes for the biggest, the best and the butchest!

For more information contact your trip leader Phil at 602-237-6422 (home) 214-668-1368 (cell).

## EARLY NOTICE!

### Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at Gregg's fabulous oasis!

Pool party, Sat. May 1st, 2010,  
5pm- 9pm

Enjoy the sun, Mexican food, adult refreshments, and take a dip in the very fabulous pool and spa! Please bring a lawn chair, and towel.

Location: 763 E Elmwood Pl, Chandler, AZ 85249. Members: \$15 Non-Members \$17. Any questions? Call Jeff at 623-780-1717 or 623-670-8909.

## EARLY NOTICE!

### Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks Campout

Memorial Day Weekend, Thursday, May 27th - Monday, May 31st

What a GIANT way to celebrate Memorial Day in the splendor of the enormous sequoias and the cool temperatures of the California Sierra Nevada Mountains!!!

Space is limited to 25, so reserve your spot early! To reserve your spot, please make your full payment to DA by May 20th, AND notify your trip leaders by emailing David at vidsmith@gmail.com or calling 480-262-7548.

The fee for this event is \$35 for members, \$45 for guests (non-members).



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 2010

Fri. 19th-Sun. 21st, Lost Dutchman Chili Cookoff and Campout

### March 2010

Tue. 2nd, 7:00 PM, Monthly Social Meeting, Community Church of Hope

Sat. 6th, 8:30-10:00AM, Hike Picacho Peak Hike

Sun. 7th, Noon, Annual Audit

Fri. 12th-Sun. 14th, Annual Cave Creek Campout & Quarterly Members' Spring Party

Sat. 13th, 4:00-??, 30th Annual Quarterly Members' Spring Party

Tue. 16th, 6:30 PM, Monthly Core Group/Activities Meeting

Wed. 17th, 9:00 AM, Mid-week Hike

Sat. 20th, 2:00 PM, Segway Tour/Tucson Overnight

Fri. 26th-Sun. 28th, McDowell Mts. Campout

### April 2010

Sat. 3rd, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Easter Bonnet Brunch

Tue. 6th, 7:00 PM, Monthly Social Meeting, Community Church of Hope

Sat. 10th, 1 PM, Light Rail Scavenger Hunt

Sat. 17th-Sun. 18th, Phoenix Pride

Tue. 20th, 6:30 PM, Monthly Core Group/Activities Meeting

### May 2010

Sat. 1st, 5:00 PM-9:00PM, Cinco de Mayo Party

Thurs. 27th-Mon. 31st, Kings Canyon & Sequoia National Park Campout

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## Monthly Social Meeting

**Tues., March 2nd, 7:00 pm**

The social meeting is where you will learn about upcoming trips and activities from the trip leaders. They'll have flyers about their trips available and you can ask any questions you may have about what you need to do to participate. Guests are encouraged to attend the Monthly Social Meeting.

Desert Adventures was created as a hiking and camping club but our "adventures" have expanded to include a variety of additional activities such as shopping, museums, pool parties, tubing, brunches, movies and much more!

After a break we talk about new ideas, soliciting and working to add new trips to our schedule. If you have an idea for adding a new adventure to our roster or would like to help in leading or assisting in adding a new activity, this is time to do so.

The location for our Monthly Social Meeting is:  
The Community Church of Hope, 4121 North 7th Avenue,  
Phoenix, AZ 85013.

