



Events for Kids and Adults

Rose Canyon Park

NEW: JOIN THE GREAT SPIDER HUNT

PLUS: MEET A RAVEN – KESTREL - SNAKES – LIZARDS - TOAD – FROGS - TARANTULA

Free! Kids and Adults Welcome!

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008: 4:00- 5:30 p.m. The Great Spider Hunt

Leader: Jim Berrian, one of San Diego County's top spider experts and an Associate in Entomology at the San Diego Natural History Museum. We'll take a leisurely walk and sweep the bushes with a net to discover many different kinds of spiders: jumping, pirate, crab, wolf, ant-mimic, labyrinth spiders and more. We'll get a close-up look at them and learn how they live. We'll also discover a variety of insects. We'll hand out bug boxes so you can catch and examine spiders and insects, then let them go.

Sunday, Oct. 5: 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Meet a Raven and a Kestrel

Presenter: Carol Crafts, Project Wildlife volunteer. These are live birds that cannot be released back to the wild. Learn how to tell the difference between a crow and raven, how a kestrel hunts, what these birds eat, how they raise their young. Afterwards, join us if you want for an easy walk to search for kites hunting (they are birds of prey), encounter the inevitable surprises nature offers, and enjoy the early evening.

Sunday, Oct. 19: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Meet snakes, lizards, tree frogs, a spadefoot toad and tarantula. You may touch some of these animals.

Presenter: Susan Nowicke, President of San Diego Herpetological Society, who has had reptiles and amphibians since she was a toddler and enjoys sharing her passion for them through education and reptile rescue efforts. Learn how they live, what they need to survive, and why they are important to the canyon. These are live animals that cannot be released back to the wild. Afterwards, join us if you want for an easy walk to experience the canyon's plants and animals and enjoy the onset of evening in the canyon.

NOTE: No bathrooms or water available during events or at the parking area.

Meet: **South University City, dead end of Regents Road:** 2 blocks north of Governor Drive. Please arrive a few minutes early. We'll walk 5-10 minutes down the trail into the canyon bottom where the events will occur. You may leave at any time.

Bring: **Something to sit on for the Oct. 5 and Oct. 19 events** – a blanket, lightweight lawn chair, or towel. We'll be sitting on a stubby, newly-mown area in the canyon bottom.

Co-sponsors: **Friends of Rose Canyon**
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department

For questions or to schedule a guided nature walk for your school, scout or other group, contact:
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