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## **CORONADO NATIONAL MEMORIAL – NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Plant an Agave to Help Feed the Bats!**

Now is your chance to help the Lesser long-nosed bat. On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, volunteers like you will plant over 1000 agaves to help protect the habitat of this endangered bat. Join Coronado National Memorial staff and register for your planting 'team' from 7:00 to 7:30. Welcome, orientation, and a brief talk by an Arizona Game and Fish biologist will start at 7:45—planting begins at 8:30.

Agave and bats have a symbiotic relationship...agaves need bats to pollinate their flowers and bats need agave for food. One cannot survive without the other. Many of the agaves that grow in the grasslands of the park were removed during the construction of the border fence as well as many were destroyed or damaged during last year's fire. Join us as we all work to revitalize and restore an important habitat area.

Water and snacks will be provided, as well as tools. Be sure to wear appropriate shoes, clothing, and sun protection for the weather and area, and bring gloves if you have them.

Early registration is encouraged, to make a reservation or for additional information, contact the Coronado National Memorial visitor center at 520-366-5515 x 0

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