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Temporary Change for Furnace Creek Visitor Center Hours at Death Valley National Park and Scotty's Castle Begins Summer Operating Hours

Effective Sunday, May 11, 2008, the Furnace Creek Visitor Center in Death Valley National Park will have new operating hours. The Visitor Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. This is a change from the regularly scheduled hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. "This change is temporary," states Public Information Officer Terry Baldino. Not all the planned summer staff has been hired, and until the new staff is on board and trained, the visitor center hours will be shortened by one hour in the morning.

At the same time Scotty's Castle has already begun its 2008 summer schedule. Even in the heat of summer Scotty's Castle is open for tours. The house tour will be offered daily and the Underground tour will be offered as staffing allows.

Facilities at Scotty's Castle in northern Death Valley National Park will open on the following schedule:

Scotty's Castle grounds:	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
Scotty's Castle tours:	first at 9:30 AM, last at 4:00 PM
Scotty's Castle Visitor Center:	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Scotty's Castle Gift Shop and Snack Bar:	10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

For more information on hours of operation or activities available to the public at Scotty's Castle, please call 760/786-2392.

For more information about Death Valley National Park, Scotty's Castle and special events check out the park web site at www.nps.gov/deva or call 760-786-3200.

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