



Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month March 2014

Star Party! - March 1 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

Join National Park rangers and the Dixie University Astronomy Club for an evening of story-telling and dark sky viewing. Listen to cultural stories of the Southern Paiute, Greeks and Romans; learn a bit of astronomical science; discover the importance of protecting dark night skies; and enjoy some close up views of stars and planets.

Blacksmithing and Stone Cutting Demonstration March 1 and 15 (9 am – Noon, AZ)

Flames-a-roaring, hammer-a-pounding, and sweat-a-pouring: these were common sights and sounds when blacksmiths and stonecutters were working. Join Park Ranger Evan Cram to see these old methods at work.

Movies at Pipe Spring - Every Saturday afternoon in March (2:30 pm, AZ)

Even Pipe Spring National Monument attracted the attention of western movie makers during the 1950s-70s. Several episodes of Death Valley Days, one of which was very loosely based on Pipe Spring historical figures, and portions of 4 movies were filmed there. Each Saturday afternoon in March Pipe Spring will offer a viewing of the three Death Valley Days episodes.

Cultural History Mystery - March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16 & 19 (11 am–2 pm, AZ)

Join volunteer Cindy Maloney to investigate artifacts – tools and toys in common use 145 years ago. While modern versions of some of these items still exist, all of the tasks these items represent (cooking, building, playing, communicating) are still a part of our lives today.

Chuckwagon Talk - March 8 (9-11 am and 1-3 pm, AZ)

Join volunteer Stephen Craig for a discussion of the myriad of uses of this iconic symbol of the west.

Rugmaking Demonstration - March 8 (9-11 am and 1-3 pm, AZ) & March 29 (9-11 am, AZ)

Although no longer a necessity as in pioneer days, homemade rugs still help keep a house clean, provide a warm layer of insulation, and give extra life to worn out clothes. Join volunteer Vicki Craig for a look at various techniques for making rag rugs.

Mu'uputs Canyon Hike - March 3, 6, 9, 13 and 23 (9 – 11 am, AZ)

Join a National Park ranger on this two mile, moderate hike into scenic Mu'uputs Canyon on the Kaibab Indian Reservation. Visit two petroglyph sites and learn about Southern Paiute traditional lifeways and connections to the natural world. This hike takes place in cooperation with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians. Limited to 20 participants; call 928-643-7105 for reservations. Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and carry water and snacks. A tribal fee of \$10 will apply in addition to the Monument entrance fee of \$5 per person if hikers wish to also visit the Monument.

Yucca Sandal Making Workshop - March 22 (10 am – 1 pm, AZ)

John Olsen, specialist in prehistoric technologies, will lead this hands-on workshop. Participants will learn the techniques prehistoric people used to make sandals, from gathering and preparing the materials, to the final weaving.

Powell Marker Hike - March 28 (9 am – Noon, AZ)

Join Pipe Spring volunteer Stephen Craig on a strenuous hike that climbs approximately 800 feet to the top of the Vermilion Cliffs to one of the survey triangulation stations established by the Powell topographical survey crew in the early 1870s. Approximately 3 miles round trip, this hike takes place largely on the Kaibab Paiute Indian Reservation and is offered in cooperation with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians. Limited to 20 participants; call 928-643-7105 for reservations. Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and carry water and snacks. A tribal fee of \$10 will apply in addition to the Monument entrance fee of \$5 per person if hikers wish to also visit the Monument.

For a detailed listing of March programs and more information on Pipe Spring National Monument, visit www.nps.gov/pisp, Facebook, or call 928-643-7105.

Note: All programs listed are Arizona time.

Daylight savings time starts for UT on

March 9 (i.e. 9-11 AZ = 10-12 UT).

Admission: 15 and younger free, \$5 per adult or free with Interagency pass.

14 miles west of Fredonia on AZ 389, or 60 miles east of St. George, UT, on UT 59 and AZ 389.