



Saguaro National Park News Release

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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK OFFERS PARK AFTER DARK FAMILY NIGHTS IN TUCSON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (WEST)

Ever wonder what magical and mysterious happenings occur in the desert at night? Saguaro National Park is offering guided family hikes to explore the park after dark and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the desert by moonlight.

Guided Hikes start before sunset outside the Education Center in the Tucson Mountain District (west). The pace is leisurely and the terrain is rocky with loose gravel, and uneven footing. The round trip distance is approximately 1.5 miles. Adults must be accompanied by children ages 7 to 18 years old. The terrain and conditions are not appropriate for younger children. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle and flashlight for each hiker, headlamps are available to borrow. Space is limited and advanced reservations are required.

What: Park After Dark Family Night

Where: Tucson Mountain District, 2700 North Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85743

Who: Families with children ages 7-18

How: Reserve your spot by calling (520)733-8618

When: 6:30pm to 9:30pm on:

Saturday, June 15

Friday, June 21 and 28

Friday, July 5 and 12

You'll explore a sandy wash with unique red-rock outcroppings, find a cool place for sunset, listen for the magical call of the Elf owl, and walk in the paw prints of bobcats and coyotes. As darkness falls around you, rangers will share stories about nocturnal park life and answer all those curious questions about the park after dark. There is a near full moon on Friday, June 21.

For additional information or reservations, please call the park's Education Center at (520)733-8616.

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