

October 5th and 6th, 2018

Volunteer Notes

Enchanted Trail is Audubon Arizona's annual fall festival. The event gives visitors a greater appreciation for Arizona's nocturnal (night-active) wildlife through three guided trail stations, a night hike, live wildlife, mask making, and more. **This year's focal animals are the North American Beaver, the Mexican Free-tailed Bat, and the Barn Owl.**

Each young participant will be given an **Enchanted Trail trail guide**. This trail guide provides them with a map of the event and assigns them one of the three focal animals (indicated by a colored sticker). To discover their mystery animal's identity, they will collect clues about where their animal lives, what it eats, and how it moves, at the three guided trail stations (Bat Cave, Critter Café, and Mystery Movement). These clues can be found in the color-coded frames at each of these stations.

Once they've identified their mystery animal, participants can stay and enjoy our night hike, view live wildlife including owls, snakes, and scorpions, meet and learn from local scientists, get some food, and make a nocturnal animal mask inside the center - just in time for Halloween!

You will be assisting with the **Night Hike** - A 20 to 25 minute self-guided walk through 5 stations along the trails north of the Audubon Center/South of the Salt River. Each station is focused on different nocturnal (night-active) wildlife native to Arizona (Snakes, Coyote and Ringtail, Badger and Skunk, Owls, and the Toad Farm!) The trail runs in a loop - ending where it begins.

Night Hike Greeter:

You will be serving as a greeter for the Enchanted Trail night hike. As the greeter, you will need to provide visitors with the information and equipment they'll need to enjoy the hike. In this position you will need to be outgoing, positive, and proactive - you want to send participants down the trail with happy and well-informed!

- Welcome participants
- Explain to participants that the night hike is self-guided and follows our trails through five staffed stations - each with a station leader wearing a reflective vest.
- Explain to visitors that each station is focused on different nocturnal wildlife native to Arizona (Snakes, Coyote & Ringtail, Badger, Owls, and the Toad Farm!)
- Tell participants that the hike will take between 20 and 25 minutes
- Tell participants to stay on the trails and stop at each of the 5 stations.
- Hand out flashlights to each guest. (Use discretion when handing flashlights to visitors under 5.)
- Tell visitors to return flashlights one of our night hike assistants at the end of the hike.
- Hold back groups until the first station is clear. Then, direct them to the first station.
- When visitors finish the hike, work with the Night Hike Assistants to collect the flashlights.
- Be sure to warmly thank all participants for coming to Enchanted Trail!

Your area leader is: Emily Martell