

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 Station Leader:

You will be serving as a Station Leader for the Enchanted Trail night hike. In this position, you will greet and educate visitors as they reach your assigned Night Hike Station. The purpose of the night-hike is to introduce participants to Arizona's nocturnal wildlife, and it's your job to provide a "critter encounter" at your assigned station.

As a Night Hike Station Leader, you will need to be positive, proactive, outgoing, able to manage time, able to give instructions, and knowledgeable about nocturnal critters. (Ask for the Night Hike Notes!)

- Be prepared with sturdy footwear, a powerful and reliable flashlight, a vest, a walkie-talkie and a cell phone.
- Greet participants as they arrive.
- Each group should have at least one flashlight. If they don't, advise them to find a Night Hike Assistant or Greeter.
- Create a "discovery moment" with your station's props.
- Answer questions as appropriate. Do not hesitate to direct participants to seek an expert at one of Enchanted Trail's live animal exhibits!
- Remember, the hike should take about 20 to 25 minutes, so manage your time accordingly.
- Direct participants to the next station and remind them to stay on the trails.
- Be sure to warmly thank all participants for coming to Enchanted Trail!

Your area leader is: Emily Martell