

October 5th and 6th, 2018

5:30-8:00pm

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!

Bat Cave:

This is the very first station on the Enchanted Trail, so this is where visitors may need the most help understanding their trail guides. In the Bat Cave, visitors will find a clue in a color-coded frame telling them **where their mystery animal lives**.

- The framed clues are hanging on the cave walls and each is painted to match one of three colors corresponding to the stickers on visitors' trail guides.
- Each clue will tell the visitor where their mystery animal lives. Once they find their clue, you can provide them with extra information about their animal using the notes below (don't tell them what the animal is! I.E. "Your animal..." instead of "Great-horned Owls...")
- Have visitors use their black lights to explore the walls of the cave until they find their clue.
 - **Barn owls live** in barns, caves, and other large cavities
 - **Mexican Free-tailed Bats live** (roost) in caves but can also be found in mines, rock crevices, buildings, and under bridges
 - **North American Beavers live** in "lodges" made of sticks, twigs, rocks, mud, and emergent vegetation like cattails and reeds in rivers, creeks, wetlands, and ponds
- Encourage participants to circle the correct answer for **question number 1** in their trail guide.
- Send visitors to the next station, the Critter Café, where they will learn about what their mystery animal eats.

Your area leader is: Steve Prager