

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 <u>North American Beaver</u>, the <u>Mexican Free-tailed Bat</u>, and the <u>Barn Owl</u>.

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 there 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!

Parking:

As a parking lot attendant, it is your responsibility to make sure visitors make it in and out of our (South and North Rio Salado) parking lots without incident. With nearly 1,000 visitors coming in each night, things can get busy fast! Fear not, however, we have off-duty police officers in and around our lots. In addition, a volunteer in each lot with have a radio/walkie-talkie.

- Always have a flashlight and wear a reflective safety vest while working in the parking lot.
- Make sure someone on your team has a walkie-talkie so you can stay in touch with volunteers/staff in the Center. You should also have a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Parking is available in two places: our main lot at the Audubon Center and on the opposite side of the river in the Rio Salado Restoration Area parking lot (north side of the river, east side of Central).
- Upon entering our south parking lot, visitors will have the chance to park along the chain link fence that runs along the north of the access road. To save space, they should park diagonally instead of parallel parking (/ / / NOT — —).
- If our main lot is full, direct visitors to the Rio Salado parking lot on the north side of the river. If they object to the walk across the bridge, tell them they can either wait until a space opens up in our lot or wait for another group of visitors to head to the north lot so they have someone to walk over with. The bridge is well lit and is being monitored by security and staff!
- Once parked, direct visitors to the southeast entrance to the Audubon Center (NOT the front door or west trail entrances!). If they do not go to the main entrance, we will not be able to count their attendance and they will be very confused about what to do! It may be helpful to grab a guidebok so you can see how everything is laid out.
- If you have any problems, do not hesitate to contact Audubon staff/volunteers via your walky-talkies or come inside. Your safety comes first!

Your area leader is: TBD