

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!

Trash Troll and Helper:

The Trash Troll is the Enchanted Trail's eco-minded costumed character - think Oscar the Grouch with a Halloween twist! It is the Troll's job to make sure visitors leave the Enchanted Trail understanding the scary truth about littering and the value of conservation and recycling.

- The Trash Troll will need a helper as the costume, which includes a cape, face paint, and a fake nose, feet, and hands is a bit cumbersome.
- The Troll will have a trash-laden lair positioned after Mystery Movement on the Enchanted Trail.
- As visitors come by, ask them to put their candy wrappers and other trash in the garbage bins in the Troll's area.
- Remind visitors that before the Rio Salado was a lush haven for wildlife, it was a dump! By working together to clean the place up and by not re-filling it with our waste, it's been transformed into the place they are enjoying tonight.
- Don't scare the children! Some of our participants will be very young, so use your best judgment in how you portray the Troll.
- Spanish speakers are a big plus for this position!

Your area leader is: Steve Prager