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TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS HOMESCHOOL DAY

By Melanie W.

Tucson Botanical Gardens Homeschool Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Admission to Gardens and Butterfly Exhibit only \$4

National Geographic Bee for Pima County Home Educators

Saturday, November 14, 2009
at the Nanini Library community room.
Registration begins at noon
Bee starts promptly at 12:30 pm.

Students do not need to pre-register to compete and there is no charge to participate.

The competition is open to homeschoolers in grades four to eight who meet National Geographic's eligibility requirements as follows:

(edited from National Geographic's website)

1. Registration is open to students in grades 4 through 8 who will not be over the age of 15 by the time of the national competition at the end of May 2010.
2. A student may not be enrolled in more than three academic courses at the high school and/or college level during each school year of the competition.
3. **Students enrolled in public or private schools, including publicly-funded virtual academies and charter schools, are not eligible to compete** in the homeschool bee.
4. Also, to hold a competition, there is a minimum participation requirement of six students and students must be present to compete.

Park Day Schedule

November - Ft. Lowell
December - McCormick
January - Ft. Lowell
February - McCormick
March - Ft. Lowell
April - McCormick
May - Ft. Lowell
June - summer break
July - summer break

View the SDH Calendar at
<http://supercalendar.com/view.html?a=1539>

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL VISION SCREENING By Caroline F.

Join us on Tuesday, November 17 at Ft. Lowell Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Free Developmental Vision Screening by Cimarron Family Vision Center. This is a great way to see if your homeschooled child has any vision-related learning problems.

DESERT ECOLOGY CLASS By Frances K.

On Wednesday, November 18 we will go as a group to Tohono Chul Park to have another class on Desert Ecology (plants, people and animals of the desert). This will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We can also have lunch and walk around the gardens. There will be about three docents for the amount of children attending this class so please try to come if you've already said yes. This is a FREE class.

MUSIC RECITAL

Tuesday, November 24 at Armory Park Center from 11:00 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.
Contact Victoria M. for information on attending or participating.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PRESENTATION By Frances K.

On Tuesday, December 1 we will be having a Wildlife Rehabilitation out of Marana coming to us at McCormick Park from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Lou will be bringing three or four large birds and will be talking about their needs in the desert. This is for all ages. Because they are a rehabilitation for injured animals I am asking that everyone who wants to be a part of this class please bring a donation for their animals such as a bag of birdseed or towels. They will be so grateful.

Park Day is every Tuesday. SDH members meet at the park every Tuesday starting around 10:30 a.m. Announcements are held at 11:00 a.m. We will meet at Ft. Lowell Park (Glenn and Craycroft) for the month of November.

SDH MONTHLY PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dad's Coffee Night – November 4

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders on Oracle.

Mom's Coffee Night – November 25

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at Something Sweet, 5319 E. Speedway (NW corner of Speedway and Beverly, east of Craycroft) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (or any time in between).



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