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Sloan Canyon June Newsletter

"Every summer has a story."-Unknown

What story will you write this summer? Will it be full of adventure or learning? Maybe both if you to attend our Speaker Series on June 11th at 10:30am called "Flying into a World of Bats." Please see the attached flyer for information and to register. Sloan Canyon will have events every month to help you write a great story this summer!

Education Tip: Have you ever wondered how plants survive in the Mojave Desert? The plants in our Mojave Desert have many adaptations that help them survive and thrive. Some adaptations include having small leaves that help reduce the amount of water loss. Some plants have leaves with a thick, waxy covering like sunscreen. The prickly plants with hair and spines, use those features to shade themselves plant and to break up drying winds. Those are the adaptations we can see. Below the surface, some plants have shallow roots to capture any precipitation while some plants have deep taproots to reach groundwater. Next time you hike in the desert, make sure to take some time to appreciate the amazing plants that surround you.



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Fun Fact: Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary... I wondered do Ravens make good fathers? While many stories make Ravens seem evil or scary, the male Ravens make great fathers! The male Raven helps to build its yearly nest, bring food to its young, and defend their territory. This month let's appreciate fathers and everything they do for their children.



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Friendly Reminder: Summer temperatures are upon us so please remember to hike safely. We do not recommend hiking when temperatures are above 90°F. To encourage hiking in cooler temperatures, Sloan Canyon will be changing its gate hours for the summer starting on June 1st. Gate hours at Petroglyph Trailhead will change to 8am-12pm Monday to Thursday and 7am-12pm Friday to Sunday.

Etiquette Principle: Is it a rock? Is it a helmet? No, it is a Desert Tortoise. Be careful when driving on Nawghaw Poa Road and around the Conservation Area as Desert Tortoises may be crossing the road. Please help us protect Desert Tortoises by driving the speed limit and keeping a watchful eye on the road. Can you spot the Desert Tortoise in the photo on to the right?



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