

JUNE

LIVE at Living Desert: Sunday, June 4 at 3:00pm

Free concert of popular and patriotic music by the Carlsbad Wind Symphony.

No fee: Visitor Center

Carlsbad Gem and Mineral Show:

Friday, June 16 - Sunday, June 18: 9am-4pm

Exhibit and sale of minerals, fossils and jewelry.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Carlsbad Area Art Assoc. Living Desert Show:

Saturday, June 24 - Tuesday, July 4: 9am-4pm

Display and sale of artwork with a Chihuahuan Desert theme.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event, but regular fees apply to enter the zoo.

JULY

Music and the Moon: Saturday, July 8

6:30pm: Concert TBA

No fee for the concert, but tips for the artist are appreciated.

Followed by Full Moon Walk: Reservations required.

Entrance begins at **8:00pm.**

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk

Zoo Camp: 8:30am – 12pm each day

July 10 – 14 and July 17 – 21 for children 7 – 12 years.

Children have fun while they learn! Songs, crafts, activities, zoo exploration, guest speakers and more. This year's Zoo Camp will be Native Americans.

Registration begins June 1. Fees: \$45 per child or \$35 for children of Friends members.

For more information, call (575) 887-5516.

Star Party: Friday, July 14 - Begins at 8:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at **9:30pm.**

AUGUST

Music and the Moon: Saturday, Aug. 5

6:30pm: Concert TBA

No fee for the concert, but tips for the artist are appreciated.

Followed by Full Moon Walk: Reservations required.

Entrance begins at **8:00pm.**

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk

International Vulture Awareness Day:

Saturday, August 26 1:00-3:00pm

Learn about Nature's Sanitation Engineers!

Visitor Center: no fee unless you enter the zoo.

Star Party: Saturday, Aug. 26: Begins at 8:00pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at **9:00pm.**

SEPTEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime resumes: the first one for the

new school year is the Friday after Labor Day: Sept. 8

9:30-10:30am every Friday when school is in session.

No fee for Visitor Center program, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Consider the purchase of an economical Friends of the Living Desert membership to cover your admission fees for an entire year.

Music and the Moon: Tuesday, Sept. 5

5:30pm: Concert TBA

No fee for the concert, but tips for the artist are appreciated.

Followed by Full Moon Walk: Reservations required.

Entrance begins at **7:15pm.**

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk

Public Lands Day:

Saturday, Sept. 23: 9am –12pm

Exhibits, giveaways, children's activities and more!

Fees: no fee for Visitor Center programs, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Star Party: Sat., Sept. 30 - Begins at 7:15pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at **8:15pm.**

OCTOBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Last Full Moon Walk of 2017: Thursday, Oct. 5

No concert first. Entrance begins at **6:30pm.**

Reservations required. Regular admission fees.

Friends of Living Desert Annual meeting:

Thursday, Oct. 12: Potluck dinner at 6pm

Open to all members. Share your favorite dish and learn about what is happening at your favorite zoo.

Wolf Awareness Day: Saturday, October 14

1:00pm: Film "Lords of Nature" illustrates the importance of large predators for restoring healthy ecosystems.

2:30pm: PowerPoint program: Mexican Gray Wolves – learn about this iconic endangered species.

Fees: No fees to attend Visitor Center programs, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Desert Starlight: Saturday, October 21

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Begins at **4pm** with solar viewing.

5:30pm: PowerPoint program in Visitor Center explores the possibility of finding life beyond Earth.

7pm – 9:30pm: Telescope viewing of planets and deep sky objects. Constellation tour at **7:30pm.**

NOVEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Star Party: Friday, Nov. 17 - Begins at 5:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at **6:30pm.**

DECEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Holiday Bells Concert:

Saturday, Dec. 2: 11:00am

Holiday music performed on hand bells by the Touch of Joy Ringers from First Presbyterian Church.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event.

Holidays with the Animals:

Saturday, December 9: 1:00-3:00pm

Face-painting, activities: children make holiday cards and treats for their favorite Living Desert animals.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event.

ZOO HOURS

OPEN EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS

MEMORIAL DAY through LABOR DAY
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Last entrance into the zoo is 3:30 p.m.

LABOR DAY through MEMORIAL DAY
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Last entrance into the zoo is 3:30 p.m.

GIFT SHOP

OPEN 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ALL YEAR

ENTRANCE FEES:

6 and under: Free

7 – 12: \$3.00

13 & up: \$5.00

Other special events and programs are scheduled throughout the year, so watch the local paper or check on-line at www.nmparks.com

For more information about the Living Desert and to view updated versions of this brochure, visit the Friends of the Living Desert website at www.livingdesertnm.org

All events are subject to change.



Maggie Oso –
Bear and Artist



Agave Sunset



LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS STATE PARK

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June – December 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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