

JANUARY 2019

Fridays, January 11, 18, 25

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30 am

Saturday, January 19

Maggie the Bear's Birthday Party

Come watch Maggie open her birthday present! Children's activities and face-painting!

12:30pm: Watch Maggie open her birthday present!

1:00-3:00pm: Children's activities and face-painting

Fees: no fee for Visitor Center programs, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo and watch Maggie open her present.

Thursday, January 24; 6:00 pm

Volunteer Banquet

FEBRUARY

Fridays Feb. 1, 8, and 22.

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30 am

Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Docent Training:

9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30 - 2:00pm

Learn about the Chihuahuan Desert and become a volunteer teacher and tour guide!!

Bring a sack lunch. **Fee - \$35**

For more information, talk to Sandra Cosand or Allison Leimer at (575) 887-5516.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Live Raptor Presentation at 12:00 p.m.

Meet and learn about native birds of prey up close and personal, including hawks, owls, and eagles.

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

MARCH

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am on

Four Wednesdays in March: March 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Docent Training continues:

9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30 - 2:00pm

Bring a sack lunch.

APRIL

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am on April 5, 12, and 26.

Saturday, April 13: 9:00am-1:00pm

Earth Day Festival & Native Plant Sale.

Celebrate Earth Day with this free community event.

Information booths, raffles, door prizes, give-aways, and

Party for the Planet children's activities.

The Carlsbad Horticulture Society Gift Shop is also hosting a native plant sale, and book signings and sale.

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

MAY

Friday, May 3

Last Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am.

Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th

Unique Art & Craft Show:

9:00am – 4:00pm

All crafts are handmade. Get something for mom for Mother's Day!

Saturday, May 18 from 1:00-3:00pm

Endangered Species Day:

Learn about the Chihuahuan Desert endangered species exhibited at the Living Desert.

Activities in Visitor Center are free, but regular fees apply to enter the zoo.

Saturday, May 18

Full Moon Walk:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 7:45 pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

JUNE

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16:

Carlsbad Gem and Mineral Show:

9:00am – 4:00pm

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.

Saturday, June 15

Full Moon Walk:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 8:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

JULY

July 8 – 12 and July 15 – 19

Zoo Camp: For children 7 – 12 years.

8:30am – 12pm each day

Children have fun while they learn! Songs, crafts, activities, zoo exploration, guest speakers and more. This year's Zoo Camp theme will be Birds of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Registration begins June 1. Friends Members = \$35; Non-Friends Members = \$45.

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

Friday, July 19

Full Moon Walk:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 8:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

AUGUST

Friday, August 16

Full Moon Walk:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 7:30pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

Saturday, August 24: 10:00-12:00pm

International Vulture Awareness Day:

Learn about Nature's Sanitation Engineers!

Visitor Center: no fee unless you enter the zoo.

SEPTEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime resumes: the first one for the new school year is the Friday after Labor Day: Sept. 6 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.

Saturday, September 14

Full Moon Walk:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 7:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk

Saturday, Sept. 28:

Public Lands Day

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.

OCTOBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Friends Annual Potluck Banquet: Thursday, Oct. 10

Wolf Awareness Day: Saturday, October 12

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Last Full Moon Walk of 2018:

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 6:15pm.

Regular admission fees.



Saturday, October 26

BOO in the ZOO

11:00-3:00 pm

Come on out for our Second BOO in the ZOO event!! Bigger and Scariet than the first!! ****More information to come!!**



NOVEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Saturday & Sunday, November 2nd & 3rd

Unique Art & Craft Show:

9:00am – 4:00pm

All crafts are handmade. Get gifts for the holidays!

DECEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Saturday December 7:

Holiday Bells Concert

11:00 am

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

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event.

Saturday, December 14: 1:00-3:00pm

Holidays with the Animals:

1:00: 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.



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**January – December
2019**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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