

SaddleBrooke Nature Club

Schedule of Programs and Activities

2025-26 Season

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month (unless otherwise specified) at the time and place shown below. No meetings in the summer (June – September).

Website: saddlebrookenatureclub.org

1. Aug 5, 2025 Field trip to UofA Tree Ring Lab.
Registrants only please.



2. Sep 3, 2025 Field trip to see bats. Registrants only please. Registration email will go out early August.
 - This will be led by Jeff Babson, who presented a talk on bats earlier in the year.
 - Explore the nocturnal world of bats, beginning with an introduction to their diversity, biology, and conservation. The group will then set off on a casual stroll with a bat detector to determine which species are flying over our heads.



3. Sep 18, 2025 2nd Field trip to UofA Tree Ring Lab.
Registrants only please.



4. Oct 9, 2025 Fall picnic at Catalina State Park.
 - All members are invited



- Flycatcher pavilion
- Starts at noon with a presentation by Park Docent Pat Damiana on the history of the Park. We'll enjoy a Subway sandwich lunch after the presentation.

5. Oct 13, 2025 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Mountain View Ballroom West (HOA2)

- Speaker: Jeff Babson
- Topic: Birds and Birding In Southern AZ - Southern Arizona has been voted the Number One birding region in North America by birders. Containing an interesting mix of Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts, the Rocky Mountains, and Sierra Madre, the region is home to such wonderful birds as Elegant Trogon, Montezuma Quail, and Red-faced Warbler, among many others. This presentation explores the birds and birding hotspots of southern Arizona.



6. Nov 10, 2025 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Mountain View Ballroom **East** (HOA2)

- Speaker: Sandy Reith
- Topic: The Life of Black Bears - Learn about the natural history and habits of black bears in Arizona. Engage in a discussion of what to do if you encounter a bear while hiking or walking in Black Bear country.



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7. Dec 8, 2025 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Mountain View Ballroom East (Main Ballroom) (HOA2)

- Speaker: Jerry Schudda, Tom Dowell
- Topic: What Are Those Holes In The Ground? – a presentation by two local naturalists, Jerry Schudda and Tom Dowell. This presentation will discuss animals around AZ and some of the issues for our plants and yards.

8. Jan 12, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Jared Suydam, Pima County
- Topic: All About Saguaros - Learn about the ecology and traditional uses of our most iconic desert plant, the saguaro cactus. Discuss the importance of saguaros to native wildlife, as well as native peoples of the Sonoran Desert.



9. Feb 9, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Sandy Reith
- Topic: Venomous and Poisonous Animals of Arizona – learn about the biology and adaptations of some of Arizona’s amazing creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, spiders, Gila monsters, and toads



10. Mar 9, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker and topic to be determined