

SaddleBrooke Nature Club

Schedule of Programs and Activities

2026

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. 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.



2. 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.

3. Jan 12, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Jared Suydam, Pima County
- Topic: All About Saguaro - 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.



4. Jan 24, 2026 Field trip to Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum

This is a members-only event and is limited to 30 people. It is full as of January 10 but we will maintain a wait list. For more information or to get on the wait list email Kay Sullivan at sullivan6601@gmail.com.

5. 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



6. Mar 9, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker and topic to be determined



7. Apr 4, 2026 Grandkids' Day

Time and place to be determined

- SaddleBrooke naturalists Jerry Schudda and Tom Dowell will host a live display of some of our local desert critters for the kids. Jerry and Tom will be present to explain what the critters are and answer any questions.

8. Apr 13, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Tom Brothen, SaddleBrooke resident
- Topic: Water In SaddleBrooke - Our water resources, along with others in AZ are limited, due to changes beyond our control. However, there are conditions we can control; and we are pleased to welcome Tom, who has some ideas on this topic as our speaker. Some questions about our water that frequently come up are: what is the source of our water; is this source limited; can we plan to enhance our water supply; what is the future for our water?



9. May 11, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Sandy Reith
- Topic: Monsoons - explore the interesting events that occur during the monsoon, including weather phenomena and how desert plants and animals respond to them. We will also take a look at the outlook for this year's monsoon season.