

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

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.

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.



Mar 9, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ Desert View Theater (HOA2)

- Speaker: Renee Lizotte



- Topic: Historic Canoa Ranch

The current Canoa Ranch was almost razed and turned into a housing development. In the late 1990's, Raul M. Grijalva, as a member of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, backed a plan to purchase the Ranch for Pima County Parks. During its peak, the Canoa Ranch was one of the largest ranches in Southern AZ. Learn about how the ranch was saved from development to become one of Pima county's sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

Note: the Nature Club will be organizing a members-only field trip to Canoa Ranch in late March. Watch your email for details.

Apr 3, 2026 Grandkids' Day

10am to 1pm on the grassy knoll next to the HOA1 clubhouse and pool

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.

Apr 13, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ location TBD

- 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?

May 11, 2026 regular meeting

3:30pm @ location TBD

- 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.

