

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

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.

March 26, 2026 Canoa Ranch field trip

- Nature Club field trip to Canoa Ranch. Details and registration information have been sent to all members via email. Members and their guests are invited on this free trip. There will be a no-host group lunch at a local restaurant after the tour.

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 20, 2026 regular meeting (please note date change)

- 3:30pm @ Desert View Theater
- 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?

Apr 23, 2026 Nature Club picnic @ Catalina State Park

- More details will be coming



May 11, 2026 regular meeting

- 3:30pm @ Desert View Theater
- 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.

