



Year after year, organizers, volunteers, and participants showcase the beauty and opportunities of our outdoors. We are grateful to them, highlighting three of the premier events in this issue: International Sportsmen's Expo & Arizona Boat Show, Bill Luke Bass Days, and the AZGFD Outdoor Expo.

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## DOWNSTREAM: March 2016 Events Calendar

### BOATING

**27-30 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 18th Annual Desert Storm Poker Run & Shootout** – one of the top 5 poker runs in the nation, world-class, top performance boats with top speeds of 160+ MPH 602-578-5975 or <http://www.golakehavasus.com/events/details/>

**15-17 PARKER: Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing** – BlueWater Resort & Casino, the fastest boats on water, <http://www.parkeraz.org>

**9 PEORIA: Paddle Fest 2016** – Lake Pleasant Regional Park, try different forms of paddle craft ;you can bring your own paddle craft too, free to use demo water craft (in designated cove), and live music 9 am – 3 pm, [https://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake\\_pleasant/Events](https://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/Events)

**8-10 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Jettribe Lake Havasu Open of Watercross Gary Hart Memorial** – 9 am – 5 pm, 310-318-4012 or <http://www.golakehavasus.com/events/details>

**8-10 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Havasu Marine Association's 25th Annual Boat Show** – See story on page 6.

**GOAT CRUISE:** Sign up now for this family fun goat cruise. Kids are welcome and nannies will be provided. Call Billy for reservations: (619) 523-3091.

**LEARN TO SAIL: Current** – If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

**AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m.** – in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

**US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing** – To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting [www.ussailing.org/training](http://www.ussailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

### CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**15-17 PRESCOTT:** Becoming an Outdoors Woman 480-644-0077 or <http://www.azwildlife.org>

**7-10 PHOENIX: Phoenix Bikefest** – Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino Festival Park, emerge yourself in the world of motorcycles, enjoy an afternoon of full throttle entertainment with food and drink vendors, motorcycle test rides, Bike Shows and live music, riders, spectators and enthusiasts explore the world of motorcycles, clothing, gear design and more, experience the roaring inaugural spectacle of food, music and good times, free, <http://www.Phoenixbikefest.com>

**7 AJO: Night Sky Talks** – Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, explore the night sky with a park ranger, programs will include a short program, followed by night sky viewing through a variety of devices, including telescopes, <http://www.nps.gov/orpi>



**6-10 SCOTTSDALE: 20th Annual Arizona Bike Week** – WestWorld, motorcycle, racing, flat track racing, charity rides, concert, vendor show, motorcycle demo rides, entertainment, food, free, 10 am – 8 pm, 480-644-8191 or <http://www.azbikeweek.com>

**2-16 HEREFORD: Ranger-led Coronado Peak Hikes** – Coronado National Memorial, free guided hike, take in views of northern Mexico, the distant Sierra Madre and the San Pedro River Valley, learn about the Coronado Expedition of 1540-1542, bring water, a snack and sun protection, wear sturdy shoes and layered clothing, a one-mile, moderate, round-trip hike with 300 foot elevation gain, Saturdays at 2 pm, 520-366-5515 or <http://www.nps.gov/coro>



**2-16 HEREFORD: Coronado Cave Tours** – Coronado National Memorial, free guided hike and tour nestled in a limestone layer at the base of the complex geological puzzle that is Montezuma Peach, bring a flashlight or headlamp, gloves, water, a snack and sun protection, wear sturdy shoes and layered clothing, a one-mile, moderate, round-trip hike with 500 foot elevation gain then scramble 30 feet down a steep, rocky slope to cave floor, Saturdays, 520-366-5515 or <http://www.nps.gov/coro>

**Aug. 25: 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**PROTECT-A-PARK:** Ongoing — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

### CLASSES/SEMINARS

**AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES:** Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

### COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

**13-17 PHOENIX: 41st Annual Maricopa County Fair** – 602-252-0717 or <http://www.maricopacountyfair.org>

**Through 3/27 GOLD CANYON: 28th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival** – See story on page 19.

### EXPOS/SHOWS

**4/2-3 PHOENIX:** Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo – See story on page 1.

### FISHING

**2 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 36th Annual New Horizons Pro-Am Bass Tournament** – Lake Havasu State Park 928-846-1052 or <http://www.golakehavasus.com/events/details/>

**18-20 BILL LUKE BASS DAYS** – See story on page 1.

### HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

**7-11 PHOENIX: 2016 AAE Arizona Cup** - Ben Avery Shoot Facility, free, <http://www.arizonacup.com/2016/>

**BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Ongoing** – Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

### WATERSPORTS

#### Diving

**SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing** – Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or [sales@saguarosports.com](mailto:sales@saguarosports.com)

#### Frozen

**14-17 SCOTTSDALE: 12th Annual Desert Ice Bonspiel** – Alltel Ice Den, 24 curling teams from Canada and the U.S. will participate in the tournament, <http://www.coyotescurling.com> or <http://www.deserticebonspiel.com/>

#### Swimming:

**28 TEMPE: Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only** – Race 2 – Tempe Town Lake, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

**17 SCOTTSDALE: 11th Annual Southwest Valley Family Regional YMCA Olympic & Sprint Adult & Youth Triathlon/Duathlon** – Bartlett Lake Rattlesnake Cove, <http://www.trifamilyracing.com/>

**10 TEMPE: Marquee Triathlon** – Tempe Beach Park, kicks off Southwest triathlon season, <http://www.redrockco.com>

**9 LITCHFIELD PARK: 9th Annual Kiwanis Sprint in the Park Triathlon** – 801-791-3929 or <http://www.litchfield-park.org>

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

**tba PHOENIX: Earth Day** – Phoenix Zoo, <http://phoenixzoo.org>



Spring *forward*  
Daylight savings Time Begins March 13

**30-5/6 PORTAL: Spring Migration Bird Tours** – 520-558-2396 or <http://research.amnh.org/swrs/visitor/package-tours>

**23 PHOENIX: PLANET Celebration – Earth Day** – 10 am – 2 pm, <http://dbg.org>

**21-24 COTTONWOOD: 16th Annual Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival** – Dead Horse Ranch State Park, 928-282-2202 or <http://www.BirdyVerde.org>

**16-22 PORTAL: Spring Migration Bird Tours** – (520) 558-2396 or <http://research.amnh.org/swrs/visitor/package-tours>

**16 BENSON: Earth Day/Bat Day** – Kartchner Caverns State Park, 520-586-2283 or <http://az-stateparks.com/Parks/KACA>

**7-10 NOGALES: Santa Cruz Nature & Heritage Festival 2016** – Quality Hotel Americana, cross border birding, cultural and history tours, tours throughout Santa Cruz Country, all birding tours include a professional birding guide or historian, welcome reception on 4/8, includes an overnight visit to a ranch in Mexico for birding and riding at Rancho Cocospera on the 7th, 520-988-5425 or <http://www.natureandheritage.org>

**NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP:** <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html>

**RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing** – Heather L. James-Davis: [www.azanimalassistance.com](http://www.azanimalassistance.com)

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