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BOYD DEEP CANYON



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Free lectures on the nature of our world, facilitated by Dr. Chris Tracy, Director of Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Research Center, and brought to you in partnership with The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. RSVP at <https://palmdesert.ucr.edu/events-programs>

FORGET THAT, I'M GOING IN ANYWAY: HOW AND WHY PEOPLE RESPOND TO TRAIL CLOSURES 6 P.M. DEC. 13

Areas often close to protect our wildlife during breeding or rearing seasons, however, many people find these closures objectionable. Dr. James Danoff-Burg will discuss his work to understand people's responses to local closures, as well as some solutions to benefit both the wildlife and the people who enjoy it.

NATIVE BEES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S DESERTS 6 P.M. FEB. 14

Our deserts are home to some of the most biodiverse bee communities on Earth, but they are also imperiled by warming temperatures. Dr. Hollis Woodard will discuss some of the unusual bees in our surrounding deserts and how they are impacted by our rapidly-changing planet

TRIBULATIONS AND TRIUMPHS OF MOJAVE DESERT RESTORATION 6 P.M. JAN. 10

Dr. Lesley DeFalco and Dr. Todd Esque will present on the challenges of re-vegetating degraded Mojave Desert shrublands. They will share how this old problem requires a novel perspective to repair habitats that support diverse wildlife and plant communities.

GOLDEN EAGLES IN SO.CAL: HISTORY, FLIGHT PATTERNS, AND IMPACTS OF URBANIZATION 6 P.M. MAR. 14

In 2014, Dr. Robert Fisher helped develop a Golden Eagle research program. His team has since captured 49 eagles in southern California and generated new data critical for species management. He will offer new data, including risk factors to eagle survivorship.

THE FANTASTIC COURTSHIPS OF COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRDS 6 P.M. APR. 11

Dr. Christopher Clark will describe ongoing research on Costa's Hummingbird courtship displays, including the sounds they make with their wings and tail-feathers, and how they learn their songs.