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LET'S CHAT! Learn more at the Nature Talks at the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival

The Tres Rios Steering Committee has released the final list of the speakers for this year's festival. The speakers are a virtual Arizona's who's who in wildlife and environmental programs.

"Nature talks are at the core of the Festival experience" says coordinator Heidi Vasiloff of the Wildlife For Tomorrow Foundation. "This is an opportunity for people of all ages to really learn about our native wildlife, culture and community." She commented that the only challenge is decide who to see and when to see them.

From Bald Eagles to Bats and Big Bad Wolves, the wildlife list is impressive. Biologists from the state and federal levels will share their knowledge and programs about Arizona's wildlife. Also, you can learn about the birds and other animals that may wander into your own back yard!

If you are interested in edible desert plants, gardening with your kids, or humorous tales about growing up in the desert, then there is something for you as well.

"Our Nature Talks are simply amazing – it is an opportunity for kids be entertained, learn something from the experts and to have a great time! There is storytelling, talks, walking explorations of the desert and so much more – you may not want to leave the "Talks" stage and explore the rest of the festival!" stated Alice Brawley-Chesworth the Nature Talk Chairperson.

If you are interested in environmental displays, ecologically safe products, water quality or the history of the west valley, you will be pleased.

The kid talks are just as diverse and (maybe) a little more fun! With topics like “Bugs! To Touch or Not?”, “The Busy Little Bashful Beaver: Tales from the Beaver Pond” and “The Myth of the Big Bad Wolf – Are you Afraid” it will be hard to beat!

This FREE, fun, educational, family-oriented event held in the West Valley of Phoenix has much more to do! For a complete listing of the lectures and talks – hop on the web at

www.tresriosnaturefestival.com and click on the Event Activities and then the 2007 Nature Talk link!

The festival is held at the Base and Meridian Wildlife Area. It is next to the Gila River and will be filled with educational exhibits, children’s activities, canoe rides, a fishing clinic, food, nature trail and entertainment! Join the fun and learn a little too!

Location: Base and Meridian Wildlife Area, Phoenix International Raceway

Dates: March 17 and 18, 2007

Cost: Free Admission and parking

Times: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The event at Base and Meridian Wildlife Area is located at 602 S. Avondale Boulevard in Avondale, five miles south of I-10 on Avondale Blvd.

For more information, visit www.tresriosnaturefestival.com or call 623-204-2130.