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Warm Weather Desert Safety!

By Jason Fincher, State Park Peace Officer

Spring is upon us and the temperature is constantly rising. Before we know it, temperatures in Ocotillo Wells will well exceed 100 degrees. With higher temperatures come additional hazards. With proper planning, you can avoid becoming a heat casualty—a victim of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke. When riding, ensure you have plenty of water with you, and drink it! Hydrate the day before riding. Take breaks when riding. Try to find a shaded area to take a breather and drink water. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat illness.



Heat cramps are caused by an imbalance of chemicals (called electrolytes) in the body as a result of excessive sweating. This condition causes the following symptoms, and is the first sign of overheating:

- Muscle cramps in the extremities (arms and legs).
- Muscle cramps of the abdomen.
- Heavy (excessive) sweating (wet skin).
- Thirst.

Heat Exhaustion, the next stage of overheating, is caused by loss of water through sweating *without adequate fluid replacement*. It can occur in an otherwise fit individual who is involved in tremendous physical exertion in any hot environment.

- Heavy (excessive) sweating with pale, moist, cool skin.
- Headache.
- Weakness.
- Dizziness.
- Loss of appetite.

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Additional signs or symptoms which sometimes occur include:

- Heat cramps.
- Nausea—with or without vomiting.
- Urge to defecate.
- Chills (gooseflesh).
- Rapid breathing.
- Tingling of hands and/or feet.
- Confusion.

Heatstroke must be considered a medical emergency which may result in death if treatment is delayed. It is caused by failure of the body's cooling mechanisms; inadequate sweating is a factor. A person suffering from heatstroke has usually worked in a very hot, humid environment for a prolonged time. The person's skin is red (flushed), hot, and dry, and the person may experience:

- Weakness.
- Dizziness.
- Confusion.
- Headaches.
- Seizures.
- Nausea (stomach pains).
- Respiration and pulse may be rapid and weak.
- Unconsciousness and collapse may occur suddenly.

Being a heat casualty can be prevented by staying hydrated. Remember: Hydrate or die.

Always use the buddy system when riding. Have some form of communication—either a cell phone or two-way radios. If you are not able to take a buddy, give a five-point contingency plan to a responsible party. I like to use the acronym GOTWA.

G—Going (where I plan on riding)

O—Others coming with me

T—Time I plan on returning

W—What to do if I fail to return at the estimated time of return (i.e., call my cell phone)

A—Actions (what I will do if I get lost or stranded, i.e., call you using radio or phone)

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Superintendent's News

Garratt Aitchison, District Superintendent

March and April continued to be busy months for all of the staff. Several District-wide projects were wrapping up while a few more were taking shape. One of the most notable is the almost-complete Main Street Event Center. I am looking forward to its completion and implementing that facility into our special events program. Additionally, our General Plan is making progress. We are nearing the Preferred Alternative stage after several workshops, meetings, and public outreach. Thank you to those of you that helped out. Ocotillo Wells District has been highlighted several times over the past two months in the Director's Weekly Digest. These stories have ranged from individual accomplishments to successful team projects. This is truly a highlight of my week; sharing the great things that all of you do. Keep up the great work.

Did you know that April 23rd, was Administrative Professional Day? We appreciate all that you do for us.



Bottom row (left to right): Brenda Raether, Louise Phillips, Karen Pena;
Top row: Kitty Gravett, Wanda Freeman.
Not pictured: Melony Light, Cheryl Schulz

New OW Sector Superintendent...

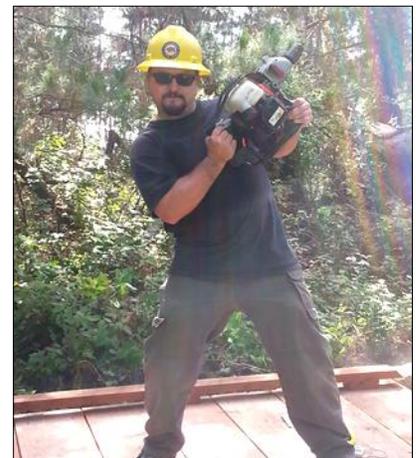
Congratulations to Andy Ahlberg on his recent promotion to Sector Superintendent at Ocotillo Wells. Andy began his career with DPR in 1992 as a lifeguard along the San Diego coast. Accepted to the academy in 1998, he graduated as the class valedictorian. He returned to San Diego Coast District for his first ranger assignment where he eventually became a K-9 handler. In 2002, he continued as a K-9 handler at Lake Perris, where he also served as a defensive tactics instructor and became involved in several of the core program areas. After five years at Lake Perris, Andy promoted to SSPPO at Ocotillo Wells SVRA. He continued as a K-9 handler, DT instructor, and even served several months as Sector Superintendent. Andy's experience, high energy, and knowledge of both Park Ops and OHMVR Divisions make him a great fit for the OW team.

In addition, Andy and K-9 Artez earned the Dave Graham Award at the annual DPR K-9 qualifications held in San Luis Obispo on April 23rd and 24th. This award is given for K-9 achievement. Good job, Andy!



New Park Maintenance Supervisor...

Anthony "Shay" McGhee recently promoted from Park Maintenance Worker I to Park Maintenance Supervisor. He will head up the Trails team here at Ocotillo Wells. Shay joined the OW team in January of 2011 and has made tremendous efforts in helping the district get the Trails program to where it is now. Prior to joining OW, Shay worked as a reserve firefighter for the Jamul Station for a year and as a carpenter for R.B. Taylor Construction for just over five years. His five years of experience working for the US Navy as a Boatswain Mate 2nd Class gave him the necessary tools in managing a diverse group of individuals solving a common problem and providing for a safe working environment. Congratulations, Shay!



Ocotillo Wells SVRA Taps Into the Sun

Reprinted from the *Director's Weekly Digest*, May 9, 2014, issue

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHV) is pleased to announce that Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) has gone solar. This May, Ocotillo Wells SVRA “flipped the switch” on their new solar arrays which began providing renewable energy, furthering the Director’s Strategic Action Plan of the Department’s mission by contributing to the following objective of exploring renewable and/or alternative energy options that would meet park needs and reduce long-term energy costs.

The existing electrical meters for the district office, auto shop, and the maintenance shop were replaced with bi-directional meters (which can accommodate power being fed back to the grid) and the switches were thrown. Imperial Irrigation District was on hand to make the necessary changes and confirmed that the system was up and running and producing renewable energy.

The entire system is composed of 312 panels which were installed on the roofs of the District Office (105), the Auto Shop (45), the Maintenance Shop (90), and three stand-alone arrays (72). Every two panels are linked to the system with an Enphase® micro inverter which provides for maximum energy production. Although it’s too soon to show hard, fast numbers on the district’s savings, early estimates place the system at providing 80-90% of the power needed by the park. Using this last fiscal year as an example, Ocotillo Wells projects a first-year savings of approximately \$11,000, and as energy rates increase, an even greater savings will be realized.



Kids Can Inspire Us!

By Sharon Weil, State Park Interpreter I

When you are eight years old and desert animals such as a scorpion, tarantula, coyote, badger and jackrabbit visit your school for the day, it can certainly cause overwhelming excitement. It can also spark interesting conversation, thought-provoking questions and inspire us all to spend more time learning about various topics of interest.

Here are some of the Interpretive team's favorite questions asked by the kids, and humorous comments and statements they made during this year's Desert Animal School Outreach and Mini Ranger Programs.



- During the School Outreach Program introduction the Interpreter asked the students what we call animals that come out and hunt at night. One self-assured student answered, **“WEREWOLVES!”**
- One young visitor came into the Discovery Center and was asked if he was a Mini Ranger yet. He looked up and answered a bit agitated at the question, **“NO I’m NOT a Mini Ranger, I’m a redhead!”**
- After feeling an animal pelt, one little girl informed the Interpreter that she recently received a baby badger for her birthday.
- One boy was so excited to share that his sister owned a **blue Polish Jackrabbit** (further research found that what she really had was a breed called a Blue-Eyed Polish Rabbit).
- The Interpreter was talking to the students about the Giant Desert Hairy Scorpion and a little girl raised her hand and asked, **“Where do baby turtles come from?”**
- Another student asked a very thought-provoking question the week before Easter, **“Do badgers eat ham?”**

But despite some of the humorous things kids might say, they also give us clues that let us know they really are starting to understand the world around them and the importance of respecting nature and their environment.

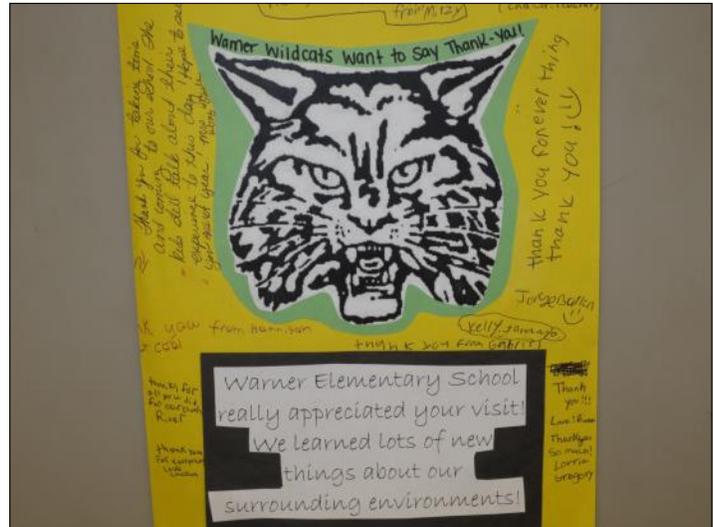
On a recent Mini Ranger nature hike, the group was adamant they wanted to pick up trash along the trail. They found some pieces that were stuck in a hard-to-reach place, but with perseverance, they were able to successfully get them. One Mini Ranger was so excited once the

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Kids Can Inspire Us! *continued*

trash was “captured” that he yelled out with excited spontaneity... **“Also remember kids, we always need to reduce, reuse and recycle!”**

Kids really do say the darndest things when we least expect it. Maybe what they are trying to tell us is that they really are listening, understanding and truly want to do the right things. Yes, children can inspire us all. There are those times they may lose a little focus, but that needs to be overlooked because, maybe, those are the times they just get so excited about those new experiences we expose them to, or the challenges they overcome. Or maybe it’s just as simple as desert animals showing up for a day at school!



Meet Cheryll Schulz...



My name is Cheryll Schulz. I was born in Okinawa, Japan. My dad was a Navy Seal. We moved back to San Diego when I was two years old. So for the most part I say, “I was born and raised in San Diego”. I lived in Santee during my childhood, and in 1979 we moved to Ramona...and I haven’t left yet. I am married to my wonderful husband John, going on 21 years this September and have two wonderful daughters—Alexis and Shelby. I am involved with my community and have served on the Board of Directors for the Ramona Outdoor Community Center for a better part of 20 years. It keeps my family and me very busy with different events throughout the year. I started my State career with Employment Development Department (SDI) in 1993 and worked there for 21 years. I interviewed for the Office Technician Law Enforcement clerk here at Ocotillo Wells, was selected for the position and I started on March 24, 2014. I am really excited to be working here at OW and alongside some of the nicest people I have encountered during my career with the State. Visitor Services welcomes Cheryll to their team.

Junior Ranger Earth Day

By Sharon Weil, State Park Interpreter I

The Ocotillo Wells SVRA Interpretive Department hosted its annual Junior Ranger Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 19th. Participants young and old spent an action-packed day discovering the importance of the 3-Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle), making Earth Day necklaces, and participating in an old-fashioned desert clean-up at the park's Youth Track. Following the afternoon of activities, the youngsters were sworn in as official State Park Junior Rangers.



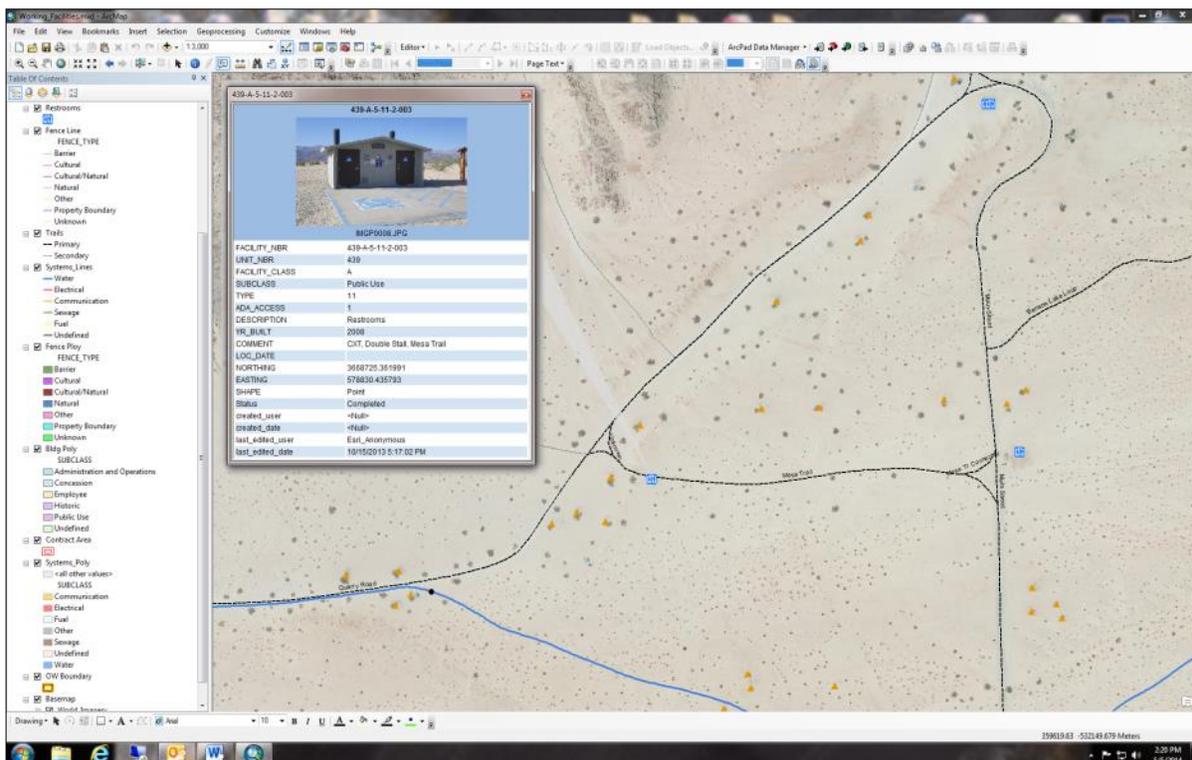
GIS: What Is It and Why Do We Need It?

Don Solleder, Research Analyst II GIS

Simply put, a Geographic Information System (GIS) combines layers of information to give a better understanding of the locations and features in our parks. Using a variety of formats, GIS can deliver this content to staff as an aid in planning and decision making and to create a universal environment for storing information.

GIS links maps to databases to create a visualization of the data, and it allows interactivity between the map and the data in a database. When you look at a GIS map, you are looking at selected features and locations within that database in a graphical map interface. This makes it an ideal platform for Facilities or Natural and Cultural Resources programs where location definitely matters and a more in-depth understanding of the project area is needed. By layering this information together, GIS can reveal how those features are related or how they may impact or benefit each other, providing an easy way to convey and share this information with colleagues.

As seen in the example below, photos or any other type of information can be incorporated into the GIS to help build a common picture of features, projects, and activities in the environment around us. To view an interactive web-based example of how the GIS can be leveraged to share map-based information between all Staff, please visit <http://ohmvr-owgis/flexviewers/owparkops/> and click around to discover some of the information that we already have. Feel free to share questions or comments to help us continue to make improvements in the usefulness of the GIS.



Desert Lifeguards - Unsung Heroes of the Desert

Callan McLaughlin, State Parks Peace Officer

Some of the more unsung heroes at Ocotillo Wells are the Desert Lifeguards. I know that to most people the concept of a “Desert” Lifeguard is hard to wrap their minds around because the desert doesn’t have large bodies of water to guard. But if you take the word “Lifeguard” literally, then you will see there is a huge need for them out here because they guard lives. Working at a busy recreation area like Ocotillo Wells SVRA takes a team of likeminded individuals with the same goals to make sure the public gets the highest level of service possible. The Desert Lifeguards work closely with the Ranger Staff to make sure the operation stays running smoothly at OW.

Even though there is a lack of water in the desert, there are a number of similarities between lifeguarding at a beach or reservoir and working in the desert. The main goal at both places is visitor safety. The Desert Lifeguards make safety contacts at the beach to inform the public about potential risks and hazards. In the desert they inform the public of laws and regulations which will help provide a safer recreational experience. Desert Lifeguards also provide informal interpretation to the public. They educate the public about safe riding practices and the need for Ocotillo Wells’ user groups to continue to use the 7th generation philosophy, so that future generations will be able to enjoy the park as they do.

A big part of what Desert Lifeguards do is provide medical assistance to injured riders at Ocotillo Wells. Anytime you have tens of thousands of people navigating changing terrain on motor vehicles, accidents are bound to happen. When that does occur, the Desert Lifeguards and Rangers are there to provide medical assistance to the injured person. This can range from something as simple as helping them dust themselves off to doing CPR on unresponsive subjects, and everything in between. I can’t count how many times I’ve been stopped by the public, or received phone calls from an individual, friend or family of someone who received medical attention from one of the Desert Lifeguards, saying how much they appreciated the help.



Desert Lifeguards provide important medical assistance to an injured visitor.

The Desert Lifeguard positions at Ocotillo Wells are very desirable amongst seasonal Lifeguards throughout the State because of the training and experience that they receive while working in the desert. Many seasonal Lifeguards have aspirations to become Permanent

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Desert Lifeguards *continued*

A thank you card received by the Ocotillo Wells Rangers and Life Guards from a park visitor's son who was injured in a crash.



Lifeguards, Peace Officers, Paramedics or Firefighters. Ocotillo Wells provides them with great on-the-job experience and the chance to gain the skills necessary to reach their goals. If you look just within our own department, you will find a number of permanent employees who have spent time working as a Desert Lifeguard. The Desert Lifeguards are a huge reason why Ocotillo Wells has been and will continue to be one of the premier destinations for OHV enthusiasts.



Ocotillo Wells Rangers and Desert Lifeguards—2013-2014 season.

Out of This World... Astronomy Festival

By Kerry Soltis, Senior Park Aide, Interpretation

On March 28th and 29th, Ocotillo Wells hosted its third annual “Hot Stars and Heavenly Bodies” Astronomy Festival. Hundreds of visitors of all ages were treated to a veritable cornucopia of galactic adventures and activities.

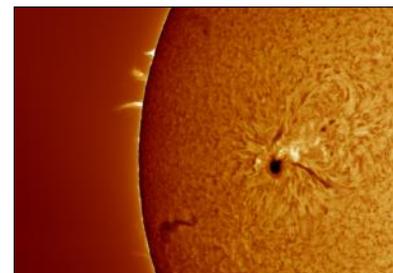
Early arrivals filled the Discovery Center to listen to guest speakers Steve Matousek, of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, and Kin Searcy, of the Palomar Observatory.



Kin Searcy discusses the history of the Palomar Observatory.

Matousek described the cutting-edge science taking place in our Solar System as the JPL’s Juno probe approaches Jupiter. The probe’s mission is to study Jupiter and learn how the gas giant formed, which may lead to answers about the history of the entire Solar System. Matousek also spoke about the ongoing search for solar systems beyond our own Sun, and the exciting possibilities involving life on other far-off planets. Searcy explained the history of the Palomar Observatory, and described how telescopes built in the 1930s and 1940s are still being used today to tackle some of astronomy’s biggest mysteries. Searcy also brought a model of Palomar’s 200-inch telescope and demonstrated how it is operated.

Telescope viewing kicked off with a fantastic view of the Sun through the park’s solar scope. Visitors were able to *safely* look at our nearest star and see the flares, sunspots, and churning gases that indicate the immense heat and energy at the heart of our Solar System. Once darkness descended on the desert, visitors were led by starlight-themed lighting to the telescope field.



Solar flares may be visible through OW’s solar scope.

Our astronomers (Kerry Soltis, Mark Kaufman and John Frasier) showed popular space objects like the Andromeda Galaxy, Orion’s Nebula, and Jupiter with such clarity and magnification that visitors were blown away. “I felt like I could just reach out and touch the clouds,” one visitor remarked after viewing Orion’s Nebula. Another visitor said, “My daughter is learning about the solar system in school, and she just loved looking at Jupiter through the telescope. This was perfect timing for us.”

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Out of This World... Astronomy Festival *continued*

Special Junior Ranger programs rounded out both evenings. Young kids, and older kids at heart, learned about space travel and the Solar System while making cosmically cool necklaces and edible models of the planets and Sun. Other festival highlights included free hot chocolate, astronomical videos and trading cards, and a special exploration-themed festival booklet.



A variety of event publications including solar system trading cards, sky charts and an Astro Fest program guide were all available for festival attendees.

The Hot Stars Festival was definitely one of the highlights of the interpretive season at Ocotillo Wells SVRA! Be sure to join us next year at one of the park's astronomy programs held most Saturday nights (between Halloween and Easter). It is an out-of-this-world adventure!



The Discovery Center was turned into a planetarium, complete with displays featuring our galactic neighbors.



Festival goers were treated to hot chocolate courtesy of Friends of Ocotillo Wells.

Inaugural 2014 SCORE Imperial Valley 250 Race

By Steve Chaney, Park Maintenance Worker I

On April 26th, round two of the five-race 2014 SCORE World Desert Championship race series was held in Imperial County. This was the first SCORE race in this portion of southern California and the first SCORE race in California since the 1998 race held in Barstow. The race consisted of three 82-mile laps run primarily in the Plaster City OHV Open Area, the Superstition Mountain OHV Open Area and an eight-mile section on private land just off Wheeler Road.

Ocotillo Wells SVRA (OW) was approached by Dr. Robert Lovich, a Senior Natural Resources Specialist for the Navy, to help with a study of the effects of Off-Road Vehicle racing on Flat-tailed Horned Lizards (FTHL). Since OW is part of the FTHL Rangewide Management Strategy (RMS) and Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), our District Superintendent Garratt Aitchison assigned Resource staff members to help in the capture of FTHLs on study plots along the race course and at a control plot away from the race area that was on undisturbed Navy Range Land.

On Sunday April 20th we began collecting FTHLs on the race course plots and the control area. At the end of each day the FTHLs were taken back to the lab where they were measured, sex determined, health data established, and had a radio transmitter temporarily glued to their back. The lizards were returned to the exact GPS coordinates of their capture and released. Their movement and location was tracked using an antennae receiver once to twice each day of the study, concluding on Tuesday April 29th. Due to safety concerns, no tracking was conducted on race day. By the end of the day on Wednesday April 23rd, we had captured enough lizards on both the race plots (9) and the control plot (7) to satisfy the needs of the survey. Craig Fischer, from OW Resources, worked for an additional week using the radio gear to help Matt Goode and Mickey Parker, both from the University of Arizona, to track the FTHLs. The data collected will help quantify movement patterns, movement vectors, activity centers and mortality of lizards to examine potential impacts due to the race and associated activities. Official results of the study should be completed by June or July, but I can tell you, none of the FTHLs with transmitters were killed during the course of the study.

The ICC was very appreciative of the support given by OW staff. In a communication with our Supervisor, Tina Robinson, Robert Powell with the FTHL RMS ICC and the Navy in El Centro wrote, "Ocotillo Wells provided substantial and critical support to this effort. Conditions were hot; work hours long. To a man, Steve Chaney, Steve Wilcox, Henry Hernandez, Lee Shenk, and Craig Fischer, were cheerful, diligent and very hard-working. This was a great crew to work with. Tina, thanks very much for committing the resources needed. I especially wanted to commend the impressive effort and support that Craig Fischer provided. Indeed, the entire success of the project was put on his shoulders several times and he came through with flying colors! He certainly deserves special recognition and an Atta Boy."

Now is a good time to describe what it is like to hunt for FTHLs. Have you ever played the game "Where's Waldo" where you have to find a little guy wearing a colorful pointed hat hidden in a picture with a lot of other people. That is what it is like. Unlike most lizards, which scurry away as

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2014 SCORE Imperial Valley 250 Race *continued*

soon as you approach them, the FTHL uses its cryptic coloration and body shape to blend into its surroundings, thus hiding in plain sight. Following their tracks is only possible in loose sandy soil, but in loose sandy soil they also have a tendency to bury themselves in the sand.

By the way, the overall winner in the Trophy Truck series was Andy McMillin, subbing for owner/driver Rob MacCachren, in a time of 4 hours and 31 minutes at an average speed of 55.19 miles per hour. For complete results go to www.thedesertreview.com/tag/iv-score-250/.



Heber Dunes Happenings

Jaime Mendez, State Park Interpreter I

What will you discover at Heber Dunes today?

Things have been really hopping this spring at Heber Dunes. No sooner were the lights dimmed after the Mid Winter Fair than out hopped Harvey Hare, and preparations were underway for the Eggstravaganza. The Children's Fair quite literally blew in the next Saturday. Sandwiched in between the events were five weekly Afterschool Junior Ranger Club programs. Now, how was all this accomplished?



Heber Helpers— always there but not easily recognized

With lots of assistance behind the scenes—at school, at the park, and at the events. So, here's a shout out to all those unsung behind-the-scenes Heber helpers - THANK YOU !

Now let the credits role...Mrs. Gonzales, Mrs. Montenegro, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Ibarra, Mrs. Velasquez, Mrs. Reyes, Mrs. M. Gonzales, Lee Mendez, and Jim, Jenna, Josh and Jammie Rue.

Scorpion Safari

By Jeff Price, State Park Interpreter I

On Memorial Day weekend, an intrepid group of visitors joined us for the season's last Scorpion Safari at Barrel Springs. We had a great time wandering the dunes where we were lucky enough to see well over 100 glowing scorpions with our black lights! We also encountered a sidewinder rattlesnake, shovel-nosed snakes, long-nosed snakes and countless thousands of darkling beetles. By far,



Giant desert hairy scorpion holding and stinging small dune scorpion!

one of the most spectacular sights seen that night was a HUGE giant desert hairy scorpion preying on a small dune scorpion! As you can see in the pictures, the 4" giant desert hairy scorpion has the 2" dune scorpion held securely by its stinging tail (telson) and its claws, allowing the giant desert hairy scorpion to sting and subdue its prey without much of a battle! This scene will play out on the dunes, night after night, since scorpions will eat anything that they think they can overpower. At least we aren't living 400 million years ago, when the giant sea scorpions grew to be eight feet long!



This scorpion caught an antlion.

Snapshots of the CA State Park System

What State Parks Offer to Californians & Future Generations



Close to Californians; Used by Californians

No other park system in California provides access to as many conveniently-located park experiences.

- 58 Urban state parks that lie within a metropolitan area
- 106 State park units located within 15 minutes of a community of at least 50,000 people. (41% of all state park units)
- 88 Percent of visitors to the State Park System who are from California



Protecting Wildlife, Habitats, Natural Processes and Scenic Wonders

Apart from federal agencies, state parks provide protection and enhancement for the greatest number of California's significant natural and scenic resources.

- 131 Habitat types found in the State Park System
- 141 Rare or endangered listed species protected within the State Park System. (65% of all listed species in California)
- 11 Locations in the SP System which are included in the list of the top 35 most photographic scenic sites in California



Protecting our Historic and Prehistoric Heritage

More than any other entity, the State Park System is the storyteller of California, preserving the sites, features and artifacts of a grand saga that spans from early Native American settlements, through the Mexican period, Gold Rush and into the 20th century.

- 10,271+ Recorded archaeological sites
- 3,375 Historic buildings and structures
- 6 Million Artifacts (both on display and in collections storage)



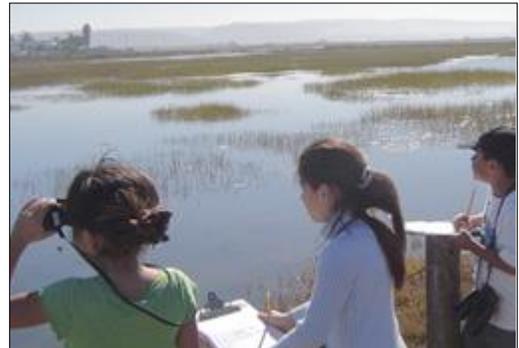
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Snapshots of the CA State Park System *continued*

Promoting Education

Through interpretive facilities and programs, in partnership with school districts, the System augments the state’s education program in natural sciences and history at all grade levels.

- 450,000 Students engaged in State Park education programs each year
- 120,000 Nature walks, campfire programs, classes and tours provided to adults and children each year
- 69 Museums and Visitor Centers



Enhancing Local Economic Growth

The units of the state system are recognized by local governments and businesses as an engine that drives local economies. Some communities would collapse absent their nearby state park.

- \$3.77 Tax revenue generated to state and local governments for every \$1 spent through the State’s general fund to operate the State Park System
- \$6.8 Billion Annual amount added to the state’s economy by tourism associated with the CSPS



Providing the Best, Biggest and Most Varied Outdoor Recreation Experiences

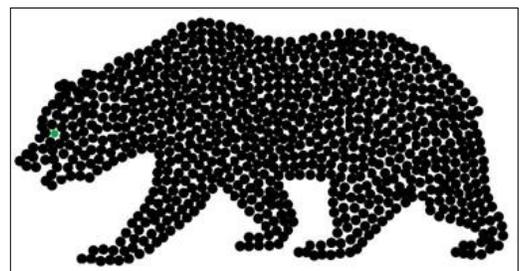
California is arguably the most diversely spectacular state in the U.S. The State Park System is the premier outdoor recreation agency in the state, safely providing the most popular outdoor activities, and contributing to the health of people throughout the state.

- 5,000 Miles of hiking trails; located in deserts, foothills, mountains and along rivers and the Pacific Ocean
- 313 Miles of the state’s Pacific coastline within the State Park System. California State Parks is the largest single manager of public beach along the California Coastline;
- 14,000 Campsites (in a great variety of settings)
- 100,000+ Acres of land for off-highway-vehicle use in 8 OHV parks



The Budget for the State Park System

These dots represent the annual tax-funded budget of all the agencies that comprise California’s state government. The lone green dot represents the portion that goes to support operation of the State Parks System.



Follow Ocotillo Wells SVRA on Facebook!



Find updates on changes in the park, historic and modern park photos, reminders about policies and regulations, and the schedule for our various interpretive programs. What a great forum for visitors to communicate and connect.



Check it out and “Like” us...because, after all, we like you.

www.facebook.com/OcotilloWellsSVRA

Upcoming Events at OW

Watch for special event weekends and interpretive programs beginning again in late October!



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