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- **Hobie Demo Days June 8 & 9**

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El Paso Zoo — 4001 E. Paisano. Zoo Entrance hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Zoo admission is \$12 for ages 13 to 59; \$9 for ages 60 and older and active duty military (including spouse) with ID; \$7.50 ages 3 to 12; and free for ages 2 and under. Zoo members admitted free. Information: 212-0966 or elpasozoo.org.

Reptilia celebration is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, **June 3-4.**

Zoo After Howlers extended hours are Saturdays, **June 17, July 8 and Aug. 19.** Zoo open until 8:30 these nights; last entry at 7 p.m.

The "Wings of the World" Bird Show is 12:30 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. weekends at the new Wildlife Amphitheater.

"Meet The Keeper" talks are 10:30 to 3:15 p.m. at various locations.

"African Star" Train ride tickets are \$2 plus tax (\$1.50 for children and society members).

Asian Elephant Training Encounters scheduled at noon daily.

The 2017 week-long Zoo Camps, exploring the worlds of Reptiles and Birds for ages 6 to 10 are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday **July 3-Aug. 11.** Cost: \$100 per week; \$90 zoo members.

Wyler Aerial Tramway — National Trails Day hike is 8 a.m. Saturday, **June 3,** beginning at the tramway parking lot, 1700 McKinley. Bring water, sturdy shoes, weather appropriate clothing, and snacks for a two-mile hike up Ranger Peak. Participation is free. Information: 562-9899 or 566-6622.

An Outdoor Cooking Workshop is 12:30 p.m. Saturday, **June 17.** Learn to cook on a Dutch oven and other techniques like foil packs. Participation is free; but RSVP required.

Last Sunday hike is 7 a.m. **June 25,** up Ranger Peak. Meet in the parking lot, for 1 mile hike. Wear sturdy shoes, weather appropriate clothing, hats and sunscreen; bring walking stick and water for all hikes.

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society — The society's field trips are open to the public. Information: Mark Perkins, 637-3521 or trans-pecos-audubon.com.

- A field trip to Rattlesnake Springs, part of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, departs at 6 a.m. from Evergreen Cemetery, 12400 E. Montana Saturday, **June 10,** to car pool. Bring a lunch and plenty of water.

- Upper Valley Sunset Tour meets at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, **June 24,** at Keystone Heritage Park, 4200 Doniphan, to carpool the Upper Valley area looking for Mississippi Kites, Monk Parakeets, Violet-crowned Parrots and others.

Fort Bliss Outdoor Recreation — Information: 744-1532 or bliss.armymwr.com.

- White Sands Camping is Saturday and Sunday, **June 10-11,** with family camping, barbecue and outdoor activities. Cost: \$10 (\$35 family of four plus \$10 each additional person in the family); includes equipment for camping, recreation, games, drinks and food. Entry fee separate. Space is limited; registration deadline two weeks prior to the event.

- Tube the Rio event is Sunday, **June 18,** on the Rio Grande near Truth or Consequences. Cost \$35 per person (\$80 family of four); Open to the public. Outdoor Recreation provide the equipment, water, snacks and transportation. Bring swimsuits, sunscreen and drinks. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Soldier

Activity Center, 20732 Constitution Avenue F.

Father's Day Family Campout — Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site, Ranch Road 2775 off U.S. 62/180 (Montana Ave.) is **June 17-18,** with check-in at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, with hiking, Dutch oven cooking, cowboy campfire stories, stargazing and more. Space is limited to 15 family (six members per family max); reservations required. Cost: \$9 per person (\$2 age 5-12). Information, reservations: 857-1157 or texasstateparks.gov.

Rain Water Harvesting Workshop — Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service hosts the workshop 10 a.m. to noon **June 24,** at Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center, 1380 A&M Circle, with a take home rain barrel for participants. Registration: \$50 prepayment (nonrefundable); no registration day of event. Registration at Information: 771-2354 or txmg.org/el Paso.

Attendees learn and use information to construct a 55-gallon rain barrel and discuss installing an efficient irrigation system.

Individuals must register and prepay to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, El Paso County Ascarate Annex, 301 Manny Martinez Sr. Drive, 2nd Floor. Make Check payable to "El Paso County Master Gardener Assn."

Gardening 101 — El Paso Master Gardeners offers a free workshop 4 to 5:30 p.m. the first Friday of the month through Aug. 4 at El Paso Multipurpose Center, 9031 Viscount, in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Office of Resilience and Sustainability. Information: 212-0115, gardenep@el Pasotexas.gov or on Facebook. Register online at elpasotexas.gov/ORS.

Franklin Mountains State Park — Most hiking and mountain-biking trails begin in the Tom Mays area, off Transmountain Drive on the west side of the park (east of I-10).

Entry fee is \$5 per person, free for age 12 and under (with family). Correct cash or check only. Group rates available. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Information: 566-6441 or on Facebook at FranklinMountainsSP. Web: tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains.

Guided hikes and bike rides are \$3 additional fee (\$1 ages 5-12; under 5 free). Bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes/boots, hiking stick, maps and binoculars. Dogs welcome on leash on some hikes. Reservations required: 566-6441 ext. 221, 224 or adrianna.weickhardt@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park — UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management offers free guided walking tours and other activities at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park in El Paso's Mission Valley. Tours last about two hours. Information: 747-8663 or rio-bosque.org.

- Introductory tours is 8 a.m. Sunday, **June 4.**
- Bird tours is 6:30 a.m. Saturday, **June 10.**
- Community workday is 8 a.m. Saturday, **June 17.**

Meeting place is a bridge crossing Riverside Canal. Take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left and travel 1.5 miles.

Municipal Rose Garden — The garden at 3418 Aurora (at Copia) is open to the public 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through November, except

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