

Nature Update from Jim's Corner

February 2026

Good Friday Critter Event

April 3, 2026

We are proud to announce the return of the Catalina State Park Nature Program to SaddleBrooke on April 3 from 10am to 1pm. For many years the Nature Program was held on "Good Friday" in the area behind the Gift Shop. However, that area is scheduled for new construction and remodeling beginning in March. This year we will set up our tables and display our critters, cultural artifacts and outstanding Skins & Skulls exhibit in the area between SaddleBrooke One Clubhouse entrance and the Fitness Center.

SaddleBrooke resident, Jim Cloer founded the Catalina State Park Nature Program in 2000. Over the past 25 years, dozens of SaddleBrooke residents have volunteered in the program. We present Nature Programs at Catalina State Park every Saturday from October through April. Additionally, the volunteers have presented programs at schools, assisted living facilities, the SB Nature Club, family-oriented visits to our critter holding area and a host of other organizations.

The Snakes, Gila Monster, Scorpions, Tarantulas and Toads will be available for viewing. Over the past few years our Skulls & Skins exhibit have been greatly enhanced due to the hard work/skill of Roger VanHoozer, John Totemeier and Jerry Schudda. We now feature the sounds of selected wildlife. Don't miss the cultural artifact area where you can grind some corn or mesquite beans.

Please bring your children, grandchildren and friends to the front of the SaddleBrooke One Clubhouse entrance on "Good Friday", April 3, 2026. The RoadRunner Grill will have low-cost hot dog tickets available for youngsters.

For this event we are trying to include as many present and past SaddleBrooke Nature Program Volunteers as possible. Please advise Tom Dowell if you are available and want to volunteer.

