



Maricopa County
Parks and Recreation Department



3rd Annual Spur Cross

Archaeology Expo

Sponsored by: The Desert Foothills Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society and
The Cave Creek Museum

When: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

**What: Learn about the archaeology of the Cave
Creek/Spur Cross area with hikes, booths,
speakers and live demonstrations!**

There will be hikes of varying difficulty scheduled throughout the day to various archaeological sites in the Spur Cross area. Speakers include Tonto National Forest archaeologist Scott Wood, long time Cave Creek resident and rock art specialist, Grace Schoonover and resident and author/historian Patrick Grady. There will be booths from the Desert Foothills Chapter, the Cave Creek Museum, Liberty Wildlife, Desert Awareness Group, and Animal Health Services. Live demonstrations include Glen Dotson and pottery making, Richard Bachman and flintmaking, and outdoor survival expert Al Cornel using four prehistoric methods to produce fire. There will be children's activities and crafts as well as the opportunity to view and hold prehistoric artifacts from the area. Come help celebrate Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness month! Check the Arizona Archaeological Society website at www.azarchsoc.org to find out exact speaker and hiking times. See you there!

SPUR CROSS RANCH



CONSERVATION AREA

All hikers should be prepared with appropriate footwear, hats, snacks, along with an adequate supply of bottled water!

In Cave Creek, turn north onto Spur Cross Road. The Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area is 4 ½ miles north. Although the Expo is free, there is a fee for park entrance of \$3.00 for adults. Children under 16 and those with Maricopa County Park or Spur Cross passes are free.

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Speakers Event

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At **10:00** am join Grace Schoonover and her talk on the rock art and ruins within the Spur Cross area

At **12:00** pm join local author Patrick Grady on his talk about homesteaders along the creek and his new work on frontier Phoenix "OUT OF THE RUINS"

At **1:30** pm join Scott Wood Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Program Manager for the Tonto National Forest for his talk on the Prehistory of the foothills areas and how it all relates to both the Salt River Valley and Perry Mesa.

All talks will be in the main area within the large tent. Although the Expo is free, there is a fee for park entrance of \$3.00 for adults. Children under 16 and those with Maricopa County Park or Spur Cross passes are free.

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Archaeological Hikes

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012



Join avocational archeologists on one of two hikes in Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area:

Hike Name	Difficulty	Start	Length/Duration	Sites
Metate/Petroglyph	Easy	9:30 AM & 1 PM	1.7 miles, 2 hours	Petroglyphs, bedrock metate
1 st Mesa	Moderate	9:30 AM & 1 PM	2 miles, 3 hours	Large and medium prehistoric pueblos, petroglyphs

All hikes leave from the main covered area and require closed-toe shoes and water. Dressing in layers, hat and walking stick are suggested. Sun-screen is a must!