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May 14, 2008

Dear Conservation Workshop Participant(s):

Re: Arizona Game and Fish Department's Conservation Workshop 2008 – May 30- June 2

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is excited to host the Conservation Workshop 2008 at Treasure Park Campground in the Pinalenos mountain range near Safford, Arizona. This upcoming three day, two night campout will include several exciting activities and presentations. Along with this letter you will find an updated agenda, directions to the camp site and driving information (in brochure), and map of camp. Here is some additional information to make your trip to and the workshop a great event for you and your family.

Directions:

From Phoenix – Take US 60 East through Globe and into Safford, Arizona. Turn right/south on US 191 toward Wilcox. Travel approximately seven miles to State Highway 366 the Swift Trail – turn right. Travel approximately 22 miles. Once the pavement goes to dirt travel approximately one mile and turn left into Treasure Park.

From Tucson – Take Interstate 10 East to US 191 toward Safford. Approximately 26 miles north to State Highway 300 the Swift Trail – turn left. Travel approximately 22 miles. Once the pavement goes to dirt travel approximately one mile and turn left into Treasure Park.

Traveling:

The road to Treasure Park is steep with several sharp turns, hairpin corners and on a steep incline. Be prepared for slow travel. We recommend filling your gas tanks in Safford before heading up the mountain as no gas available after this point. The final 30 miles from Safford to Treasure Park take approximately one hour and fifteen minutes if you are not towing a trailer; plan adequate time to travel to the workshop.

Checking in during camp:

Everyone needs to check in upon arriving at camp. During check-in you will receive any changes to the camp activities or agenda, name badges for everyone and activity sign up. Some activities will be limited to the number of people that can attend and will be reserved on a first come basis.

If you arrive after 8:00 pm on Friday evening please find a location to camp and check-in on Saturday morning. Please remember that there could be people camping so try to keep the noise level down.

Camping and camp area clean up:

Treasure Park does not have any electrical or water hook-up for your RV. If you plan on bringing an RV prepare to bring everything you need with you. There is plenty of camping for tents of all sizes.

There is a lot of wildlife that can be found in the area near camp, especially bear and others that might get into trash. Make sure and keep you camp clean and pick up after yourselves. There will be a bin in the main camp area for trash to be placed in, please do not leave trash in other areas of camp. The main trash will be dumped on Saturday and then removed on Sunday afternoon.

Also be aware of other items such as ice chests, snacks, lose items in a truck bed or other things that are lying around. We don't want any hungry wildlife in camp. If you see something please make someone aware of the problem so that it can be handled properly.

Elevation, Weather and Clothing:

Treasure Park sits at about 8,500 feet in elevation in the Pinaleños mountain range. Remember that the air is thinner at this elevation and it may take a little while to adjust. Keep in mind the level and amount of activity that you are doing so as not to over exhaust yourself.

While the weather reports look good for the weekend of the conservation workshop, the elevation adds elements that cannot be predicted. You can expect temperatures dropping into the 20's at night and rising into the 70's during the day.

We recommend that you bring several layers for each day of the camp. You will need warm clothing in the morning and will shed layers into the afternoon. Also we recommend that you bring an extra change of shoes. There are several small streams that flow through and around camp as well as some of the activities being near water. You will want to have dry feet when the temperatures start dropping in the evening

Meals:

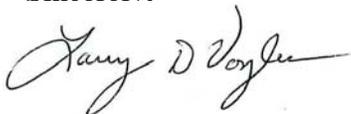
Meals will be prepared as shown on the schedule. If you have any special needs the chefs can make reasonable adjustments, with adequate time necessary to make changes. Please let the chefs know as soon as possible if you have any special needs for health concerns or dietary needs

Cell Phone Reception:

There is very little cell phone reception on the mountain. If you need to make a call once at the camp you will need to head back into town until you find reception to make the call.

For questions on the Conservation Workshop you may reach Tristanna Bickford in the office at 623-236-7241 or via cell phone (before Wednesday, May 28th) at 602-370-4172.

Sincerely,



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