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Winter Bird and Bat Festival

Albuquerque, NM – Birds and bats abound at Rio Grande Nature Center State Park’s annual Bird and Bat Festival on Saturday, January 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center, the all-day event focuses on bird and bat survival techniques, habitats and migration, with live birds from the Wildlife Recue Center on hand. “Winter is a wonderful time to see and learn about wildlife,” said RGNC Park Superintendent Beth Dillingham, “and we’ve lined up activities the whole family will enjoy.”

The festival includes:

- Guided Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.
- 10 a.m. – Guided Nature Walk through the park
- Children will have the opportunity to make nature crafts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers & Presentations:

- 11 a.m. - Jason Kittings presents “Rosy Finches of the Sandias”
- 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Bosque School Poster “Bat ID by Echolocation” – students will talk about their Bats in the Bosque findings
- “Nuts & Bolts of being a Bat” with William Gannon
- 2 p.m. – Jerry Goffe will give a talk on “Painting the Wonders of Creation with a Camera”

The Rio Grande Nature Center State Park address is 2901 Candelaria Road, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, and is owned by the City of Albuquerque and managed by New Mexico State Parks as city/state collaboration.

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