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Desert Mountains

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Come View the Heavens With Friends at the National Monument Visitor Center

Sponsored by Friends of the Desert Mountains and the Astronomical Society of the Desert

PALM DESERT, CA – This Saturday, October 18th, between 7 and 9 pm, the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center will be the location of a fun, free event for families and stargazers. Join in and look back in time by peering through powerful telescopes to discover the wonders of the heavens. On the agenda are views of Venus, Jupiter, Pegasus, the moon rising, the Andromeda galaxy, the Summer Triangle, Milky Way, Hercules Cluster, Ring Nebula, and Cassiopeia. Those interested in attending this “star party” are encouraged to arrive no later than 7:30 pm and bring a small flashlight if possible.

The Visitor Center is located at the base of the mountains, 51-500 Highway 74 (about 4-miles south of Highway 111) in southern Palm Desert. For more information, call the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center at 760-862-9984.

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About Friends of the Desert Mountains

Friends of the Desert Mountains is a Palm Desert-based non profit organization dedicated to protecting the magnificent mountains, scenic vistas, recreation trails and natural open spaces that make up the Coachella Valley. The mission of the organization is to secure, acquire and preserve lands in the Coachella Valley and the surrounding mountains, and to support education, conservation and research in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. To date, Friends of the Desert Mountains has acquired more than 30,000 acres of land throughout the Coachella Valley.

Let's be Friends.