

*Be a part of our Earth Day Science Fiesta Events and City Nature Challenge 2021 while being safe with us at Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District! During the dates of April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are having various local organizations hosting several fun activities to help us celebrate Earth Day and the importance of connecting with our local environment! During those same dates, we also have several guided hikes you can register for to take part in the worldwide Nature Challenge 2021 while learning about the common wildlife at Whitfield! Each hike will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. There has never been a better time to get outside! Come out and learn with us and enjoy some sun while supporting local organizations at the same time!*

### **Earth Day Science Fiesta Events/City Nature Challenge Hikes:**

#### **What to know before you come:**

- ALL events are FREE.
- All events are great for families of children and adults of all ages.
- Events will take place between the hours of 9-4 daily during the dates of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All activities will be inside or outside of the visitor's center building.
- We ask for your safety and the safety of our staff and other volunteers during these days, everyone will be required to wear a face mask (2 and older) and maintain a 6-foot distance from non-household members when possible. Please use hand sanitizer when able. We will be providing hand sanitizer for visitor use.  
We thank you for the commitment to keep yourself and others safe and healthy during this difficult time.

#### **What to know when you arrive:**

- There will be an information station in front of the building with everything you will need to know about all the events and activities for that day, a City Nature Challenge information card, informational brochure about the District and all our programs, extra masks if you forgot one, water bottles, hand sanitizer, and information about Whitfield.
- The Friends of Whitfield (a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to creating opportunities for education, preservation, and conservation at Whitfield) will have items displayed outside that are for bid now until May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon here: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/friends-of-whitfield-online-auction-21519>

#### **Schedule of Activities:**

- **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Friends of Smokey Bear: balloon and firetruck, Southwest Model Railroad Museum: train demonstration, Central New Mexico Audubon Society: live raptors, H2 Academic Solutions: fact rocks activity, Friends of Whitfield: Silent Auction Aldo Leopold Benches outside and information  
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- **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Friends of Smokey Bear: balloon and firetruck, Southwest Model Railroad Museum: train demonstration, Central New Mexico Audubon Society: learning

about birds, Zoo Crew Kids: live lizards and snakes, Friends of Whitfield: Silent Auction Aldo Leopold benches outside and information, B.E.M.P.: watershed program, Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District: watershed program, Pack 116/Troop 116/Troop 831: watershed program and camp trailer demonstration, Petroglyph National Monument: National Park resources

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- **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Southwest Model Railroad Museum: train demonstration, Central New Mexico Audubon Society: live raptors, Friends of Whitfield: Silent Auction Aldo Leopold benches outside for bid and information, B.E.M.P.: watershed program, Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District: watershed program, Pack 116/Troop 116/Troop 438: watershed program and camp trailer demonstration, Petroglyph National Monument: National Park resources, Los Lunas Library: learning about tails and tales.

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- **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Los Lunas Library: learning about tails and tales, Southwest Model Railroad Museum: train demonstration, Friends of Whitfield: Silent Auction Aldo Leopold Benches outside for bid and information.

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*Thank you for supporting and being a part of this event! We hope you enjoy the activities and enjoy being outside!*

Any further questions about these activities and events, please contact Allison Martin at [allisonmartin@valenciaswcd.org](mailto:allisonmartin@valenciaswcd.org)

Here is a link to the event on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/489163749103832>