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## **Explore the Desert Park these School Holidays**

The Alice Springs Desert Park will host an exciting range of interactive and fun school holiday activities from next Tuesday 23 June to Friday 17 July 2009.

Alice Springs Desert Park Guide Manager Regena Medhurst said activities will be held at 11.30am – 12pm every Tuesday and Friday throughout the holiday period.

“Some of the activities include a storybook reading in the Desert Rivers exhibit followed by a short exploration walk along the creek track, making your own sand painting, nature weaving and an explorer trail,” Ms Medhurst said.

“The Park will also celebrate NAIDOC week with cultural themed children’s workshops including:

- Friday 3 July – visitors can come along and learn how to make a traditional shelter out of Witchetty Bush, along with local fire making methods that show how Aboriginal people have survived in the desert.
- Tuesday 7 July – visitors can come along and learn how to make beautiful jewellery using bush seeds.

Ms Medhurst said visitors of all ages can explore the mystery and adventure of the desert at night with expert guides on the Nocturnal Tours, being held from 7pm each weeknight.

“This is a great chance to see some of the region’s rare and elusive animals by exploring the Desert Park’s Mulga Walk and spotlighting endangered species whilst learning from expert guides,” Ms Medhurst said.

“The Mulga Walk takes you through a large open-air enclosure that is home to animals that are either threatened species or no longer found in Central Australia including bilbies, echidnas, and brush-tailed bettongs.

“Bookings are essential for the Nocturnal Tours, call 8951 8788 to make your booking and confirm the tour departure time, places are limited so book early.”

The Alice Springs Desert Park is located approximately 10 minutes from the Alice Springs town centre. The Park is open every day, except Christmas Day, from 7.30am to 6pm.

For further details about the school holiday program, or to make a tour booking, call the Alice Springs Desert Park on 8951 8788. For more information about the Park visit [www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au](http://www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au).

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