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School Holiday Fun at the Desert Park

Escape the winter blues in Central Australia these school holidays and check out 'Desert Art at the Desert Park' with a series of art workshops with local artists to be held every Wednesday, June - July 2010.

Alice Springs Desert Park Sales and Marketing Manager Estelle Marshall said locals and visitors are encouraged to take part in the series of workshops aimed at youth, some of which will provide an insight into the diverse art and crafts of Central Australian Aboriginal culture.

"These workshops offer great opportunities to learn basket weaving with Tjanpi Desert Weavers, make jewellery using local traditional methods and bush seeds, learn how to use your digital camera to capture the perfect landscape shot and learn the art of watercolours while being inspired by the surrounds of the Desert Park," Mrs Marshall said.

Wednesday 23 June 2010 - 10am Basket Weaving with Tjanpi Desert Weavers
\$25 per person (minimum age of 10 years)

Wednesday 30 June 2010 - 9am Jewellery Making
\$10 per person (minimum age of 10 years)

Wednesday 7 July 2010 - 10am How to Take that Perfect Shot
\$10 per person (minimum age of 10 years)

Wednesday 14 July 2010 - 10am Botanical Painting in the Park with Patricia Weeks
\$37 per person includes art supplies (minimum age of 15 years)

Wednesday 21 July 2010 - 9am Jewellery Making
\$10 per person (minimum age of 10 years)

Wednesday 28 July 2010 - 10am Botanical Painting in the Park with Patricia Weeks
\$37 per person includes art supplies (minimum age of 15 years)

The Desert Park is a great place to explore for the whole family with many key highlights to include on a visit here, including the free flying Nature Theatre presentation at 10am and 3.30pm every day.

"Also make sure you check out the Nocturnal House which displays the diverse rare and elusive animals of Central Australia, and take a stroll through three carefully recreated desert habitats – Desert Rivers, Sand Country and Woodlands," Mrs Marshall said.

"The school holidays are a perfect opportunity to make use of your Territorian Pass with unlimited entry for one year."

Bookings are essential to participate in the art workshops. For more information or to book phone 8951 8788. For more information about the Desert Park visit www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au.

Workshop fee does not include entry to the Alice Springs Desert Park.

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Image – Tjanpi Basket Weaver**

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