



START TIMES

Saturday Events at Geronimo Event Center, Rodeo NM

ARIZONA / NEW MEX.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

8:30 am / 9:30 am **MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR OPENS**

9:00 / 10:00 **"Welcome & Logistics"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*

9:10 / 10:10 **Keynote: "The Peloncillos: The Gem at Our Doorstep"**
— Luke Koenig, *Gila Grass Roots Organizer, New Mexico Wild*

10:00 / 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Break sponsored by Chiricahua Regional Council

10:30 / 11:30 **"When Dinosaurs Roamed Our Land"**
— Ron Hyde, *Southern Arizona Museum of Science and Technology*

11:00 / NOON **"Wildlife in the Borderlands: Keeping the Balance"**
— Katie Davis, *Executive Director, Wildlands Network*

11:30 / 12:30 **"Friends of Cave Creek Updates"** — Reed Peters, Margaret Wilch

11:45 / 12:45 **"Announcements"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*

NOON / 1:00 **LUNCH BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Homemade soups, salad, bread & dessert for all food preferences. \$10.00
— On-Site Buffet Lunch Provided by Cave Creek Sandwich Company

1:00 pm / 2:00 **"Water Harvesting in a Time of Drought"**
— Mike Gaglio, *Biologist, High Desert Native Plants*

1:30 / 2:30 **"Springs: The Lifeblood of the Chiricahuas"**
— Emily Burns, *Program Director, Sky Island Alliance*

2:00 / 3:00 **ICE CREAM BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Complimentary Ice Cream sponsored by Chiricahua Regional Council

2:30 / 3:30 **"Lights, Camera, Action! —
Movies Made in Cochise & Hidalgo Counties"**
— Mike Anderson, *Regional Historian and Author*

3:00 / 4:00 **"Signs of the Times: The Long Road to Douglas"**
— Howard Topoff, *storyteller extraordinaire, developer of Science For Seniors*

3:30 / 4:30 **"Closing Remarks"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—FIELD DAY

All events meet at Cave Creek Canyon Visitor Info Center, Portal, AZ

8:00 am. / 9:00 am **"High Elevation Wildflower Hike"** on Crest Trail with Elaine Moisan
—Experienced hikers, bring lunch, discover new birds and flowers!

8:00 am / 9:00 am **"Cave Creek Wildflower Walk"** with naturalist David Jasper
— Identify and discuss the native plants of Cave Creek Canyon

10:00 am / 11:00 am **"Listening to the Sounds Around Us"** with acoustician Gordon Miller
— Demonstration of results of Cave Creek Bioacoustical Project

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