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AFRICANIZED HONEY BEES

Although nicknamed "killer bees", Africanized honey bees do not roam around searching for something to kill. Although frightening to humans, a swarm of bees in flight or resting on a tree or bush is not a threat. Single bees out collecting pollen or water are also not a threat. However, Africanized honeybees protecting their colony are a serious threat to anyone nearby. They can be extremely aggressive when defending their colony and a large number of bees will attack the perceived threat.

Prevention

There are a few things you can do to be prepared. One is to wear light-colored clothing. Experience has shown that bees tend to attack dark clothing, dark hair, anything dark. Avoid wearing floral or citrus lotions, aftershaves or perfumes when hiking. Bees are sensitive to odors, both pleasant and unpleasant. Carry appropriate medication if you are hypersensitive to bee stings and tell someone where you store it.

While hiking, be on the alert and listen for bees entering or exiting a colony. Be cautious around any water source. If you approach an established Africanized bee colony, the guard bees will often warn you to stay away by repeatedly "head butting" your body. This bumping rarely involves a sting. If you do not retreat, a full-blown attack is imminent.

If you are attacked

1. Get away quickly. Run to a building or vehicle or as far away as you can.
2. Cover your head. Bees target the eyes, ears, nose and mouth when attacking. If you do not have a jacket or extra shirt handy, pull your shirt over your head.
3. Do not kill attacking bees. An alarm scent will be released attracting more bees.

4. Do not flail your arms.

If you are stung

In most cases, the danger lies in the number of stings associated with an Africanized honey bee attack. If you are stung, remove embedded stingers as quickly as possible. Use your fingernail, a credit card or similar instrument to scrape them away. Do not attempt to remove a stinger with your fingers or tweezers, as this will force more venom into your flesh. Some people exhibit a hypersensitivity to bee venom and can go into anaphylactic shock. After a bee attack, call 911 and seek medical attention immediately, especially if you are allergic to bee venom or feel ill.

(Information from Saguaro National Park)

THANK YOU TO PAST OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

We want to thank Susan Robertshaw for the great job she has done as our President, Larry Dawson for all the time given as Vice-President, Jan Springer for her fine job as Treasurer, Kathy Gish for her skillful job as Secretary, and Elisabeth Wheeler as a great Chief Hiking Guide. Our hats off to all of you for your fine work and dedication to the Club.

In addition, we would like to thank the retiring volunteers, Melody Branstrom and Sally Sample for their fine work in Statistics and Merchandise.

NEW OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

The following new officers were elected at the Spring Picnic on April 11th: President, Susan Robertshaw, Vice-President, Michael Reale, Secretary, Marjorie Herrmann, Treasurer, Jan Springer, and Chief

Hiking Guide, Elisabeth Wheeler. In addition, Mary Hlushko will be our new Statistics Chairperson, Sandy Businger our new Merchandise Chairperson, and Lou Powers new in Publicity.

The following individuals have graciously volunteered to continue in their volunteer positions: Carole Rossof–Newsletter Editor, Bob Perez–Membership Roster, Cheryl Straw–Social, Cyndee Jordan–Social Asst., Martha Hackworth–Newsletter Copies, and Cheryl Werstler as Asst. Hiking Guide. We thank you all very much for your time and efforts throughout the past year.

DRIVER DONATIONS RAISED

Due to the higher gasoline prices, driver donations have been raised by 2 cents per mile. Previously drivers received 5 cents per mile on normal roads and 7 cents on dirt roads. The new amount is 7 cents per mile on normal roads and 9 cents per mile on dirt roads.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Social Hour	May 16 th	4:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	June 6 th	3:00 p.m.
Hiking Guide Meeting	June 6 th	4:00 p.m.
Social Hour	June 20 th	4:00 p.m.

Note: Social Hours held at the MV Clubhouse in the lounge area.

Hard copies of the Newsletter are available at the MountainView Clubhouse and the SaddleBrooke Fitness Center. They are also available on our web page at www.saddlebrooke.org.

NEWS WE CAN USE

New e-mail address: You may update your e-mail address by notifying Bob Perez at azsun65@wbhsi.net.

Renew your membership: You may send your \$5.00 yearly membership dues to Bob Perez at 65187 E. Desert Sands Court. Make checks payable to SaddleBrooke Hiking Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Awards are for hikes & fitness walks completed 10/1/2006 - 3/31/2007.

10 Hikes

Suzanne Bassett	Monica Eiserling
Alan Halper	Kim Halper
Marjorie Herrmann	Kathy Jensen
Dave Mercy	Marcia Munich
Louise Powers	Diane Stowell

25 Hikes

Richard Badger	Debbie Dyer
Curt Hulteen	Fred Kennedy
Lora Lowden	Sharon Metskas
Sue Moran	Marie-Helene Praly
Sue Reggentin	Joe Repshas
Phillip Sawchuck	Jan Strada
John Strada	Kathy Volpe
	Dee Zellinger

50 Hikes

Virginia Brier	Penelope Flom
Kent Naugle	Sarah Smith
	Cheryl Straw

100 Hikes

Frank Brier	
Doris Hoffman	Mike Hoffman
Rick Phelps	Marv Rossof
	Tom Smit

250 Hikes

Philip Cotton	Michael Reale
Cheryl Werstler	Stan Strebog

500 Hikes

George Adelman

GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Reservations: Call the guide to make a reservation for a hike. Let the guide know if you would be available to drive and whether or not you have a 'park entry pass' for the area. If you are unable to go on the hike after making a reservation, call the guide to cancel. The guide will call if hike canceled.

Arrival Time and Departure Area: The time listed for the hike is the departure time. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. All hikes leave from the left front parking lot of the MountainView Clubhouse (just east of the tennis courts) unless otherwise noted.

Medical Conditions: Prior to starting the hike, inform the guide of any special medical conditions or medications you may need.

Voluntary driver donations: Voluntary driver donations are shown at the end of the hike descriptions. Most include the entry and/or parking fees where required, however some hikes may require additional fees. Guides may also wish to split costs between drivers for drop-offs and/or unequal passenger loads. Small bills are appreciated. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made upon return to MountainView.

Items to Bring: Every hiker should carry identification and any medical alerts in a waterproof container. Always bring ample water (this can vary from a pint on a winter fitness walk to 3 or 4 quarts on a summer hike). On strenuous hikes or in very hot weather you may need to replace electrolytes (eat salty snacks, add electrolyte mix to water, or use sport drinks). A wide brim hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hiking stick or trekking poles are recommended in Arizona. Other suggested items include comfortable hiking boots, whistle, map, compass, tweezers, first-aid kit, and moleskin. Layered clothing works well due to possible changes in weather conditions. In addition, you should bring a snack or lunch depending upon the hike. High complex carbohydrates (nuts, trail mix, and etc.) are good.

Choosing Hikes: Hikes are more difficult than a walk in SaddleBrooke due to elevation change and our Arizona terrain. It is not unusual to encounter rocks, unsteady ground, and steep inclines. It is your responsibility to choose an appropriate hike that matches your physical abilities. The hike description is a great tool. Look closely at the length, elevation change, and comments in the description to determine if a hike is within your physical ability. If you aren't feeling "up to snuff" on the day of the hike, don't hesitate to cancel until a better day.

Assumption of Risk: When you joined the club, you were asked to sign a 'Release of Liability'. **We want to reinforce the fact that by signing the release you acknowledge that participation in the club's activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury and that you assume all such risks. Accidents can happen. Learn about the risks and how to avoid them. Take an active part in protecting yourself and fellow hikers.** We are an organization of volunteers who share their skills and love for the wilderness with one another.

Guest Policy: Normally a SaddleBrooke resident, whether year-round or part-time, must be a club member in order to join a hike. They may however, come on one hike as a guest in order to

see if they are interested in joining the club. Members must accompany their guest(s), and all guests will be required to sign a Release Form prior to hiking (if under age 18, must be signed by parent or legal guardian). If the guest is younger than 16 years old, you must notify the guide who has sole discretion whether or not to allow minors on the hike.

HIKE RATINGS, PACE, AND SYMBOLS

Rating:

- A Hikes >14 miles or >3000 foot climb
- B Hikes >8 to 14 miles or >1500 to 3000 foot climb
- C Hikes >4 to 8 miles or >500 to 1500 foot climb
- D Hikes 4 miles or less and 500 foot climb or less

Pace:

Refers to the length of 2 steps, the speed you walk/hike, or to the average speed of a hike. When we denote the pace of a hike we are referring to the average speed. This means that from start to finish (excluding lunch) you can expect to be traveling at an average speed of () MPH. The average speed or pace of a hike is affected by speed and length of stride, number of rest stops, incline, type of terrain, and trail conditions. We use the following three categories to describe our hikes.

Slow Pace – Average speed of hike < 1.5 MPH

Moderate Pace – Average speed of hike 1.5 to 2.5 MPH

Fast Pace – Average speed of hike > 2.5 MPH

Symbols:

"+" and "-" after a rating. The plus and minus signs are used to show that a hike is harder or easier than the average hike in that rating category. It may have a plus sign added due to a loose rocky area or perhaps due to an unusually steep area. A minus sign might be added to a hike due to it having a very easy, smooth trail surface.

"" by a hike.** Hikes marked by a double asterisk are new additions to our club database or a new 'one time' hike.

"++" by a hike. Hikes marked by a double plus are Orientation Hikes. Orientation hikes are encouraged for all "beginner" hikers and are intended for sharing information and for personal assessment of current physical fitness.

FITNESS WALKS - FIVE DAYS A WEEK

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club offers morning fitness walks five days a week. These sessions last about one hour and are suitable for walkers of all ability levels. They are a great way to start the day and a great way to meet other SaddleBrooke residents as you enjoy the fantastic views.

Fitness Walks will continue Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **6:30 a.m.** from the parking lot just west of SaddleBrooke HOA #1 Fitness Center. Volunteers will take turns leading these walks and will be coordinated by Dean Wilson.

Dean Wilson and Michael Reale offer fitness walks Tuesday and Thursday at **6:30 a.m.** **Please note change of time, beginning May 15th the meeting time will be 6:00 a.m.** Meet at the parking lot of the MountainView Clubhouse. You may contact Dean at **818-0299** or Michael at **825-8286**.

Judy Barenkopf offers fitness walks every Tuesday and Thursday at **6:30 a.m. (the time will not change)**. Meet at the parking lot of at the **MountainView Clubhouse** on Tuesday and at the parking lot of the **SaddleBrooke Tennis Center** on Thursdays. You may contact Judy at **825-7077** or mbarenkopf@msn.com.

HIKES OFFERED

May 1 – Tues. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. This hike takes you up to a ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. It has spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We hike through lower Sabino Canyon to the Phoneline Trail. After 0.4 miles we turn onto the Blackett's Ridge Trail where we begin the ascent. This trail has several series of steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits at the top. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1620 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **6:30 a.m.**; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00. Mary Croft, 825-3804.

May 2 – Wed. Sutherland Trail. Rating C. This is a great wildflower hike after abundant winter rains. Along the way, we will observe many beautiful Saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are many photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the water falls are flowing. The route begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. We return using same route. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 600 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

May 4 – Fri. Pima Canyon – 3rd Dam. Rating B. The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the first dam as we enter the beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again into the open. We will hike past a rocky open area in the canyon beyond the second dam near ancient grinding holes and continue on to the third dam. We return to the trailhead via the same route. Hike 8.1 miles; elevation change 2210 feet (gps); starting elevation 2900 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 42 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Michael Reale, 825-8286.

May 4 – Fri. Rams Creek Basin. Rating C. We hike up the wash on a new trail through nice vegetation and then climb 560 feet to a watering tank. There are some great views of Rancho Vistoso, Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere. We then continue on to a water fall where we will have lunch. Return via same route. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 2600 feet; leave at **7:30 a.m.**; round trip drive 21 miles; driver donation \$2.00. Jan Wilson, 818-0299.

May 5 – Sat. King Canyon Loop. Rating C. Starting from a parking area near the Desert Museum we will hike up the Kings Canyon Trail to the Sweetwater Saddle. Our return will be down the trail to Mam-a Gah picnic area. Then down the dry wash where petroglyphs can be viewed. This is an interesting wash where wildlife can sometimes be seen. Make sure you bring a camera, lunch, water & hiking stick if you have one. Hike 5.8 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 73 miles; driver

donation \$5.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

May 9 –Wed. Oracle Ridge to Saddle. Rating C. This hike begins in Oracle off the Cody Loop Road. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail to the junction with the American Flag/Cody Trail where we have great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. We follow the ridge south where we will lunch in a saddle at the top of Camp Bonita Canyon on the northwest side of Apache Peak. Return by the same route. Hike 5.2 miles; elevation gain 700 feet; starting elevation 4700 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 39 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

May 10 – Thurs. Sycamore Dam. Rating C. The hike begins at the old Prison Camp in the Santa Catalina Mountains. We follow a road to a saddle and hike down the trail to the dam and return. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 4800 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 94 miles; driver donation \$7.00. Jan Wilson, 818-0299.

May 10 – Thurs. Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating A (B pace). Hike up the Old Baldy Trail to the summit and come down the same way. This is the shortest route to the top (9453') of Mt. Wrightson. At the top are 360-degree views from Tucson to Mexico. This is a shady all day hike to an outstanding mountain. Hike 10.8 miles; elevation change 4050 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at **6:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Rick Phelps & Debbie Dyer, 825-2395.

****May 13 – Sun. Josephine Saddle + Rogers Rock. Rating B.** We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about 1 mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about .25 miles to the rock, climb to the top, have a wonderful view and eat lunch. We continue down the Super Trail back to the parking lot. This hike can be done in reverse going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike, 6 .5miles; climb 1700 feet; starting altitude 5400 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

May 14 – Mon. Rams Creek Basin. Rating C. We hike up the wash on a new trail through nice vegetation and then climb 560 feet to a watering tank. There are some great views of Rancho Vistoso, Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere. We then continue on to a water fall where we will have lunch. Return via same route. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation 2600 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 21 miles; driver donation \$2.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

May 16 – Wed. Arizona Trail - Oracle State Park Work Session. Rating C. This is our Hiking Club work day. Come join in the fun--it's nice to work side by side with other hiking members and it certainly gives you a feeling of pride and accomplishment along with a way of 'giving back' for all the trails we hike and take for granted so often. We help develop, maintain, and report conditions of the trails for which our Club is responsible. Generally, the work is light, involving some clipping, brushing, hoeing, raking, and pruning, and for some, lifting and carrying of tools. On rare occasions we may rebuild water runoffs, add erosion control devices, and other trail work. Wear long pants and bring along gloves, hat,

and hand clippers. Any other tools needed, will be provided. We work on trails in the Oracle State Park and a section of the Arizona Trail called, "Black Hills/south," which is just north of the Park, across Hwy 77. The sessions usually last about 4 hours, so bring water and snacks and lunch if you wish. Leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

****May 17 - Thurs. Aqua Caliente Hill (short version). Rating C+.** This hike has great panoramic views of Tucson, the Rincon Mountains and the Santa Catalina Mountains. From the trailhead the trail starts climbing immediately with good views of Tucson.

The trail continues up and down for approximately 2 miles to a water hole. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1000 ft., starting elevation 2500 ft; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 76 miles; driver donation \$5.00. Jan Wilson 818-0299.

May 18 – Fri. Bill Cody Loop. Rating B. This beautiful, historic loop begins at the American Flag trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. We will view the 1877 adobe house at trailhead, then hike up the Arizona Trail to the Oracle Ridge Trail. We will go south toward Apache Peak, then down FR639 through Camp Bonita Canyon past the old Patterson Diaz homestead site and lunch at Campo Bonito. From there we swing northward past the "Yellow Cabin" through the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. (We may tour the unique stone house if the owner is home.) We will then return to the cars via the Arizona Trail. Hike 9 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 4400 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 41 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Michael Reale, 825-8286.

May 18 – Fri. Romero Pools. Rating C+. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down the canyon area where several pools are located. An option is a ¾ mile round-trip hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch there. Park entrance pass required. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Philip Cotton & David Hydeman, 825-2243.

May 23 – Wed. OSP East Loop. Rating C. This hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. We hike the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the cars. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6 miles, elevation change 900 feet (gps); starting elevation 4350 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

May 26 – Sat. Incinerator Ridge. Rating C. We will begin at the Palisade Ranger station and climb 400 feet to a saddle. Then we will walk along the ridge to reach a viewpoint towards Barnum Rock and Peck Wilderness. This is one of the premier

views off of Mt. Lemmon, which truly gives you the concept of a sky island. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1000 feet (gps); starting elevation 8000 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 119 miles; driver donation \$8.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

May 27 – Sun. Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail. Rating C. We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and go up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Saddle. Then left down the Aspen trail back to the Picnic Area. There is a large rock to sit on with a view 1/4 mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. A great spot for a break or lunch. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

May 30 Wed. OSP West Loop. Rating C. This hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. We hike the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection we turn west and hike toward Highway 77. We then turn south to the Mariposa Trail and onto the Bellota Trail that takes us back to the cars. The first third of the hike is fairly level, the second third is a series of up and down hills on rocky trail and the last third has gentle hills. Hike 6.5 miles, elevation change 1200 feet (gps); starting elevation 4350 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 40 miles; driver donation \$4.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

June 3 – Sun. Josephine Peak. Rating B+. We will hike the Super Trail in Madera Canyon of the Santa Ritas, up to Josephine Saddle, and beyond, to Josephine Peak, and back. We leave the trail to reach Josephine Peak. This peak sits in the shadow of Mt. Wrightson. On return we may take Old Baldy Trail down from Josephine Saddle. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 3000 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

June 6 – Wed. Alamo Canyon to the Water Tank. Rating C. This hike begins at the Romero Ruins trailhead. Elevation change is gradual. We will hike from the ruins through Alamo Canyon. There maybe water at the canyon. We will then go around, down and up and down again to a non-used large water tank. Trail is rocky in some areas. We can return one of three ways of equal distance. Hike 6+ miles; elevation change 300-400 feet. Leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

June 8 – Fri. Wilderness of Rocks Loop. Rating B. Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area, this hike climbs up to Marshall Saddle then goes toward Mt. Lemmon, passing Carter Canyon. The hike continues to Radio Ridge and the Observatory parking area then heads down via the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Take this trail back up to Marshall Saddle then head down to Marshall Gulch Picnic Area parking lot. May also do this hike starting at the Observatory parking area. Hike 8.1 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 7440 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 131 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Michael Reale & Dean Wilson, 825-8286.

June 13 – Wed. Canyon Loop, Birding and Nature Trails. Rating C. Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran

Desert and its riparian areas. We will first hike the Nature Trail which has panoramic views, then continue on to the Sutherland Trail that connects to the Canyon Loop Trail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If we are real ambitious we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; elevation change 370 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

June 14 – Thurs. Catalina Hills Drive Cleanup Walk, Rating D. We will meet in the parking lot just west of the SaddleBrooke Fitness Center. Bring gloves and a pickup stick. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided. The cleanup will take about an hour and a half. Leave at **6:30 a.m.** Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953. **Refreshments will be served at Bill's home afterwards.**

June 19 – Tues. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. This hike takes you up to a ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. It has spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We hike through lower Sabino Canyon to the Phoneline Trail. After 0.4 miles we turn onto the Blackett's Ridge Trail where we begin the ascent. This trail has several series of steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits at the top. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1620 feet (gps); starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **6:30 a.m.**; round trip drive 56 miles; driver donation \$5.00. Dave Hydeman & Philip Cotton, 825-7816.

June 20 – Wed. Romero Pools. Rating C+. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down the canyon area where several pools are located. An option is a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile round-trip hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch there. Park entrance pass required. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 24 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

June 22 – Fri. Josephine Saddle. Rating B. We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Rest there and return on the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.2 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 130 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Michael Reale, 825-8286.

June 27 – Wed. Pontatoc Ridge. Rating C+. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontatoc Ridge to j below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area. This hike is strenuous in some areas due to the steep incline and rocky path. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1500 feet (gps); starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 44 miles; driver donation \$3.00. Marv Rossof, 877-9262.

June 30 – Sat. Butterfly Trail. Rating B-. Starting at Soldier Camp in the Catalinas we will hike down to the Novio Spring area in Alder Canyon where we will lunch in the vicinity of a 1957 F-86 plane crash. All of the steady climb is on the way out.

We will be in the shade of very tall Douglas fir and ponderosa pines, up to the saddle and exit at Palisade Ranger Station. Along the way are views of San Manuel to the east. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 7700 feet; leave at **8:00 a.m.**; round trip drive 125 miles; driver donation \$9.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.