

# CALENDAR RELEASE

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## **TRES RIOS NATURE FESTIVAL MARCH 17-18 IN AVONDALE**

The organizers of the Tres Rios Nature and Earth Festival are pleased to announce a new location and date for their outstanding family outdoor event. The 2007 festival will be held at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Base and Meridian Wildlife Area (B&M Wildlife Area) in Avondale, Ariz., on March 17 and 18.

Held near the confluence of the Gila, Salt and Agua Fria rivers, the Tres Rios (three rivers) Nature and Earth Festival is held in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Luke Air Force Base and the local communities. The event celebrates the rivers, wildlife, outdoors, history and heritage of the area and Arizona.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. Admission is free.

Visitors to the festival will be able to:

- Listen and talk to experts about wildlife, the outdoors and area history.
- Participate in a beginner's bird walk or a more advanced wildlife-watching tour early in the mornings on both days.
- Walk to nearby wildlife-viewing areas.
- Explore the booths of wildlife and conservation organizations.
- Browse and shop at our farmers' market.
- Discover how Luke Air Force Base is making a difference as a leader in environmental projects.
- Listen to local entertainers and sample a diverse food menu.
- Participate in a fishing clinic for kids.
- Ride on a canoe on at the lake created at the confluence of the Salt and Gila rivers.
- Allow your children to experience an extensive children's play area with hands-on crafts, live wildlife displays and activities, storytelling and more.

The event at Base and Meridian Wildlife Area is located adjacent to the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, five miles south of I-10 on Avondale Boulevard (7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale, AZ 85323)

For more information, visit [www.tresriosnaturefestival.com](http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com) on the Internet or call (623)204-2130.