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"Let's Explore!" Program offers nighttime adventure at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

AMARGOSA VALLEY — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites the public to the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, June 9, 2012, for another "Let's Explore Ash Meadows!" event. This time the activities take place at night.

"Let's Explore After Dark!" begins at 7:30 p.m. and wraps up at 10 p.m. Participants can watch a beautiful Ash Meadows sunset, as they set off on a nighttime adventure that promises to be fun and exciting. This educational program includes a search for wild scorpions, catching insects, and capturing bats using mist nets. Games, prizes, and other activities add up to plenty of fun for adults and children alike.

The event is free of charge, but space is limited. Those wishing to take part are asked to register for the event by calling (702) 515-5496, or by sending an email to alyson_mack@fws.gov.

Covering approximately 24,000 acres, the Ash Meadows NWR is located in the Amargosa Valley of southern Nye County, Nevada approximately 30 miles northwest of Pahrump. The west entrance to the wildlife refuge is on State Route 373, and the south entrance is on Bell Vista Road. Signs mark both entrances.

Keep up with all the events scheduled at the wildlife refuge by visiting <u>www.fws.gov/</u> <u>desertcomplex/ashmeadows</u> or the refuge's Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>AshMeadowsNWR.</u>

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