

## RESERVATION REQUEST

**YES!** Our school would like to have *The Desert Awareness Committee* visit our school with the **Desert Reach** program. We currently have \_\_\_\_\_ classes of fourth graders and hope you can meet with each of them on a different day. We predict a total of \_\_\_\_\_ children in those classes.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinating Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Our program schedule is usually limited to Tuesday and Thursday during the months January through April. To prevent disappointment, we advise contacting us early to schedule your classes. Most scheduling is completed by mid-November. Remember our program works best with classes of 30 children.

**Because of the nature of our hands-on program, it is not possible for us to work with more than one class at a time.**

*This program is made possible through  
The Desert Awareness Committee of FCF.  
Program requests can be made by sending this form to:*

**The Desert Awareness Committee  
P.O. Box 4602, Cave Creek, AZ 85327  
Coordinator: Fran Wylie 480-595-5501**

*Requests for programs should be emailed to:  
Fran Wylie at [ebw@umich.edu](mailto:ebw@umich.edu)*

# DESERT REACH

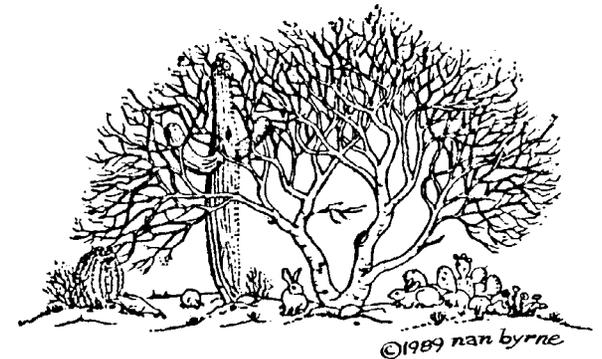
*A touch of the Desert  
at your own school!*

*A unique opportunity for students to see, feel and  
smell the desert in  
their own classroom!*

We turn your students into "**Desert Explorers**" who examine skeletons and compare defense techniques of desert plants, analyze desert soils, observe desert predators eye to eye, construct an ancient Indian village and create a Navajo sand painting.

For 2 hours your students will explore our own unique **Sonoran Desert** without ever leaving their classroom!

*Reserve your Desert Reach today!*



Sponsored by  
**The Desert Awareness Committee  
of the Foothills Community Foundation**

## ***ABOUT THE PROGRAM...***

***Desert Reach*** is a unique hands-on educational program designed for grade four which brings 6 different aspects of the Sonoran Desert right into the classroom. Through these six stations, children will be able to experience a few of the unique aspects of the Sonoran Desert; the land itself and what lives within it.

After the introduction, the students should be assembled into ***Desert Explorer*** teams of four or five and will move among the six stations we set up in your classroom.

As each team explores an "aspect of the desert", they will be involved with observation, data collection and the formation of conclusions, simulating work done by real "scientific explorers". Each "Desert Explorer" will complete a *field journal* as observations are made in this unique exploration.

The program is designed not only to make them aware of the unique nature of this priceless treasure as a habitat for wildlife, but the importance of this system as an intricate strand in the web of ecosystems on this planet. It is here today, but its very existence is threatened!

After this unique opportunity to explore and better understand the desert, perhaps your class will be the one which will make a difference in the future!

It is recommended that you arrange your own curriculum units which deal with ecosystems, biomes, habitats and the desert to coincide with this program so that you can maximize the opportunity.

***We care about the future of our desert ecosystem!***

## ***ABOUT THE SPONSORS...***



### ***The Desert Awareness Committee***

was founded in 1974. Our major goal is to foster education in the conservation of natural resources of the area including indigenous vegetation, wildlife of all kinds, water resources, and prehistoric sites and artifacts. This unique program is in response to that goal and is available to schools, clubs and other organizations who have a genuine interest in conserving and maintaining the fragile Sonoran Desert habitat.

Our foremost goal is to develop an accurate understanding of the importance this unique ecosystem plays in each of our lives not only today, but in the future as well.

***Desert Reach*** has been written and designed by professional educators and is appropriate for grade four at this time. A team of specially trained staff members will present the two hour program in your classroom. Each student may keep the completed field journal. It is our hope this will lead to additional opportunities for classroom study.

The ***Desert Reach*** program is dependent on funds generated by the ***Desert Awareness Committee*** and the dedicated involvement of its members. We ask that you consider a contribution to help ensure the continuation of our program.

***The Desert Awareness Committee***  
***P.O. Box 4602***  
***Cave Creek, AZ 85327***

***In all the world there is only one Sonoran Desert...  
through education and awareness we hope to ensure  
its existence for future generations.***

*A contribution of \$1/student  
will help ensure the continuation of this program!*