

National Park Service

Intermountain Region

Southwest Border Resource Protection Program (SWBRPP)



SWBRPP PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP & TRAINING

March 8 & 9, 2018

Location:

Ajo, AZ

Sonoran Desert Inn & Conference Center

Historic Curley School Campus

55 South Orilla Avenue, Ajo, AZ 85321

The mission of the Southwest Border Resource Protection Program is to provide assistance to parks and protected lands along the U.S. Mexican border that encourages collaborative efforts between the U.S. and Mexico to mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources.



Join us for our third partnership-building training and workshop in March 2018, which will immediately follow the fifth [Tri-National Symposium](#). Both events are hosted by the International Sonoran Desert Alliance.

Working professionals active along the southwestern border are welcome to join for a day and a half of training, skill building, collaborative dialogue and work planning. This is an opportunity to learn, network, brainstorm and enhance your working partnerships.

Ajo, Arizona is a small community at the heart of the Sonoran Desert surrounded by the Tohono-O'odham Nation, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and public lands. It is a gateway to Mexican state of Sonora that is known for its rich mining history, Spanish colonial architecture and impressive desert setting.

Training and discussion topics will include:

- Collaboration and building authentic partnerships
- Practicing cultural competency
- Natural Resource Conservation along the US-Mexico border
- Cultural Resource Preservation along the US-Mexico border
- Interpretation and Education

Audience:

Land management, conservation, research and cultural resource preservation professionals from Mexico and the United States including, but not limited to representatives from:

- U.S. Land Management Agencies
- Mexican Protected Land Management Agencies
- U.S. and Mexican Non-Governmental Organizations and Educational Institutions

Cost:

There is no fee for this training and workshop. Logistics will be sponsored by the International Sonoran Desert Alliance in partnership with the National Park Service Southwest Border Resource Protection Program. Please register at the [following link](#).

Transportation:

Ajo is located 116 miles south of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 132 miles from Tucson International Airport and 40 miles north of the US Mexico border. Participants are responsible for all travel costs including transportation to and from the meeting and any necessary lodging and per diem in Ajo, AZ.

Lodging:

Lodging in Ajo is limited and available rooms are expected to fill up quickly. The registration website has information on lodging within Ajo, 40 miles north of Ajo in Gila Bend and 40 miles south in Sonoyta, Mexico. In Ajo, Gila Bend, and Sonoyta, motel room rates are very reasonable. There are also beautiful tent and RV camping opportunities in the Ajo area. Participants are encouraged to make lodging arrangements as quickly as possible after confirming attendance.

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Agenda

Thursday, March 8

12:00 - 1:30pm	Joint Lunch and Remarks: SWBRPP Workshop and Training– Tri-National Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none">David Yetman, Research Social Scientist at the University of Arizona and host of the public television programs “In the Americas” and “The Desert Speaks” (<i>invited speaker</i>)
1:30 – 1:40 pm	BREAK
1:40 – 2:30 pm	General Session: The Southwest Border Resource Protection Program
2:30 – 3:30 pm	General Session Training – Cultural Competency
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Small group break out #1 - brainstorming sessions around three topics: <i>Interpretation and Education, Natural Resource Conservation, and Cultural Resource Preservation/Protection</i> to discuss:
4:15 – 4:30 pm	BREAK
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Mini field trip – Childs Mountain, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge
7:00 pm	DINNER AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER (provided)

Friday, March 9

7:30 – 8:00am	Networking (coffee provided)
8:00 – 8:45am	General Session – The Customs and Border Protection Public Lands Liaison program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shelly Lubin, Assistant Chief, Public Lands Liaison, US Border Patrol Headquarters (<i>invited speaker</i>)
8:45 – 9:15am	General Session - The National Park Service Office of International Affairs
9:15 – 9:40 am	General Session - Navigating international travel
9:40 – 9:50 am	BREAK
9:50 – 11:05 am	General Session Training - Collaboration & Building Authentic Partnership
11:05 am – 12:00 pm	Small group break out #2 brainstorming sessions
12:00 – 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:30pm	General Session: SWBRPP Proposals
1:30 – 3:45 pm	Small group break out #3 brainstorming sessions
3:45 – 4:00 pm	BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 pm

General Session: **Wrap Up**

6:30

DINNER (optional additional sign up required)