



**Come join Mrs. Rheinfelder and Mr. Kyle for a bat walk!!!**

**When: Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, near sunset (~6:00)** [Arrive when you can, and follow the directions below.](#) The bats exit the tunnel for about 45 minutes at sunset from May-October.

**Where:** From the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> St and Camelback road, head north on 40<sup>th</sup> St. Park as near to the canal as you can. Please respect private property and restricted areas. You may need to park south of Camelback. Walk west on the path on the north side of the canal for about 200 yards.

You will see the flood control channel where the bats live in a canal tunnel about 20 feet from the canal path. Follow the paved path toward the top of the tunnel (you'll see bat-watching information signs posted here).

**What to Bring:** Good walking shoes, flashlight, water

### **Important**

**All children must be accompanied by a parent! This walk is along the CANAL, and there is no fence protecting the children from the canal. *We strongly recommend you HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND while walking along the canal.***

These are Mexican free-tailed bats. They have a wingspan of 11-13 inches and weigh about 15 grams. These bats eat mosquitoes and other insects and are not harmful to people. In fact, they can eat 500-1000 insects per evening! Watch for them skimming the top of the canal for mosquitoes as you walk along the canal.

Go to [http://www.desertmuseum.org/kids/bats/mexican\\_free\\_tailed\\_bat.php](http://www.desertmuseum.org/kids/bats/mexican_free_tailed_bat.php) for more great bat info! You can even build a bat box for your home (<https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/cover/build-a-bat-house>) !