

## 2017 Meet the Monument – Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

*Meet the Monument* will be held from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the base of Ragged Top. Participants should dress appropriately, as all activities take place outside. Please bring water, snacks, and lunch. *The Friends of Ironwood Forest* provide seating for the speaker's tent, extra water, and porta potties on site.

7:30 AM Registration opens

8:00 AM Hikers meet with hike leaders

8:30 AM 5K walkabout (3 miles) - with Ries Lindley – botany

8K hike (5 to 6 miles) – with Drew Milsom and U of A Ramblers

Desert walkabout with Allan Morgan, National Geographic

**Speakers:** Individuals are also available at the “Meet the Speakers” table for additional questions and answers before, or after, their presentations.

9:00AM *Saguaros Extraordinaire*, with Bill Peachey, professional geologist and saguaro authority

10:00AM National *Conservation Lands*, with Ken Mahoney, Bureau of Land Management

11:00AM *Bighorn Sheep of The Ironwood Forest*, with Joe Sheehey, Bighorn Sheep Society

12:00PM *The Titan Missile Era*, with Dick Kampa, 390<sup>th</sup> Strategic Missile Wing Memorial Association

**Also**, information tables throughout the day include:

BLM - answering questions about *The Monument* and about current and future plans including Resource Management Plan Implementation, and The Transportation Management Plan.

Gary Borax – an avid local hiker will speak about hiking in general, as well as field specific inquiries about hiking within The Monument using maps and routes.

Friends of Ironwood Forest – answering questions about mission, membership, and activities.

**Questions?** Email or call The Friends of Ironwood Forest – [jimavramis@gmail.com](mailto:jimavramis@gmail.com) or 520-628-2092