Welcome to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum!

Are you ready to go on a scavenger hunt? You should be able to find all the answers to these questions if you carefully observe animals, plants and geologic features both inside and outside the exhibits. Be sure to read signs and labels. Good luck!

Find the answers to these mystery questions:

Name an animal that eats prickly pear pads.

Name a predator and its prey.

List 3 minerals mined in Arizona.

Which reptile can squirt blood from its eyes?

Name a mammal that pollinates saguaros.

Find each of the following:

- a nest in a cactus
- a lizard on a rock
- a saguaro skeleton
- a shade ramada built with desert plants
- seed pods on a plant
- a pollinator on a flower
- a bird on a cactus
Burrowing Animals

Find and name some animals that burrow underground. Be sure to put each in the proper category:

Arthropod: ________________________
Mammal: ________________________
   Bird: ________________________
   Reptile: ________________________
Amphibian: ________________________

Why do animals burrow?

________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________

Listen to a Docent Interpretation

When you return to school, write a paragraph about what you learned. Use this space to take some notes.

________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
Now it's time to be a wildlife biologist and observe some animals in action! Watch the prairie dogs for at least 5 minutes. Check off any behaviors you observe. Draw some prairie dogs and tell what they're doing.

- grooming, cleaning
- calling, barking
- eating
- resting
- playing, fighting
- greeting
- others (list)

Find another active animal to observe for at least 5 minutes. Describe its behavior.

Animal's name: ____________________________

Behaviors seen: ____________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________
Desert Plants

The following are shapes of succulent desert plants. Find a plant to match each shape and write its name on the line (Be sure to walk through the Cactus Garden.)

How are they adapted to the desert? ___________________________________________

_________________________  ____________________________
_________________________  ____________________________

_________________________  ____________________________

__ draw your own _____________