



Join Us!
 AZ AALAS Branch Fall Fun Event:
Big Room Tour of Kartchner Caverns
 & Bat Presentation with Debbie Buecher
 Benson, AZ



Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 1 p.m.

Registration must be received by 6/29/07

Kartchner Caverns, a wet, "live" cave, boasts many world class features that have been protected since the cave was discovered. Water percolates from the surface and calcium carbonate features continue to grow in the darkness. The park offers two cave tours where you'll see dynamic structures such as stalactites dripping down like icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground, sometimes meeting to form a massive column. The caverns are host to a wide variety of unique minerals and formations considered to be the best of their kind in the world. At 400 feet long and 240 feet wide, the Big Room dwarfs Kartchner's other rooms. Yet the trail has an intimate feel and offers many close-ups of nature's artwork. We will get up close to many of the calcite formations and really experience the fragile nature of this pristine cave. There are several rare or unique formations, including the first-ever discovery of "cave turnips", speleotherms shaped like turnips hanging from the ceiling and excellent examples of flowstone, "moonmilk", and exotic "fried egg" stalagmites

We will meet in the Discovery Center Lobby for our bat presentation prior to tour.

Kartchner Caverns Registration Form

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

Email: _____

Include number of each:

Adult - \$23 (____) or **Youth** (ages 7-13) - \$13 (____)
Children 6 and under...not permitted on Big Room Tour

Total price \$_____

Please make check payable to Arizona AALAS and **return by 6/29/07**
 Arizona AALAS, Univ of Arizona, P.O. Box 210101, Tucson, AZ 85721-0101

Once branch has purchased tickets in July refunds will not be available.

For information on local accommodations, restaurants, etc go to www.azaalas.org and follow the link for Kartchner Caverns Event