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JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE
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HIKE AT McDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE

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Weekes CONSTRUCTION

Date	Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Time	12:50 pm – 4:30 pm (est)
Contacts	<p>Contact: Lonnie Peterson Cuhaci & Peterson Architects Engineers Planners (ICSC CenterBuild Committee Rep) Cell: 407-810-7980</p>
Schedule	<p>Meet in the JW Marriott Hotel Main Entrance near valet area at 12:50pm</p> <p>Bus leaves JW Marriott Hotel PROMPTLY at 1pm</p> <p>Bus arrives at the Gateway to McDowell Sonoran Preserve at 1:15pm</p> <p>Bus leaves Gateway to McDowell Sonoran Preserve PROMPTLY 4pm.</p> <p>Bus arrives back at JW Marriott Hotel around 4:20pm.</p>
Trail	<p>Trail Location at McDowell Sonoran Preserve</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate</p> <p>The basic hike will be Desert Park Trail to Windgate Pass Trail to Gateway Loop Trail back to the trailhead. That hike is about 5.5 miles and is shown in Yellow on the Hiking Trail Options attachment.</p> <p>For the more adventuresome, there are two options: they could split off from the main group at DP1 and do an unmarked 1 mile loop trail which switches back to the Windgate Pass Trail at TT17 and then where the Gateway Loop Trail splits (WP1), they could take the south route over the Gateway Saddle back to the trailhead. That hike is 7.5 miles and the</p>

added loops are shown in red on the Hiking Trails Options attachment. If they eliminate the first option it is 6.5 miles.

Sponsored Hiking Pack *Bottled Water, Energy Bars & other light snacks*

Suggestions for Hikers Wear appropriate hiking shoes. The path can be rocky and gravel at times. If you are running the trail make sure your footing is stable on the gravel/rocky parts. Wear appropriate clothing. It may be cool in Phoenix that day if it is windy. The trail is in a national park so cactus/brush may not be cut back well. Depending on your level of fitness, bring water and snacks. The views are really beautiful so feel free to bring a camera or cell phone with a camera.

If you decide to drive your own personal vehicle in lieu of using the bus, a vehicle parking fee may apply.

Ammenities: Restrooms, Parking, Shaded areas