



# City of Tempe Adapted Recreation News Fall 2007



## Coordinator's Corner

It's always hard to start thinking about fall programs when it's 110 degrees outside, but that's the way we work here in Parks and Recreation. However, I try to look at it in a positive way. When I schedule classes and activities, although I have to plan on a very hot start of the season, I also have to look towards the chilly weather that will be upon us at the season's end. I know it sounds odd, but I find this to be strangely comforting.

Please take a careful look through the fall newsletter. We have a couple of "new" activities this season. The *Batter Up Baseball Clinic* will be starting in October. We've held this clinic for the past few years in the fall and it has always been pretty popular. The folks at the Kiwanis Park Batting Range do a great job of providing some instruction while giving us a good time. I hope you will all take advantage of this great, once-a-year activity.

Dragon boat racing will be held again in the fall. This is not our Special Olympics team and the training will not culminate in an official Special Olympics competition, but it may end in an Arizona Dragon Boat Association competition. We are seeking athletes with cognitive disabilities who will be comfortable on the water, and also adults without disabilities to serve as partners/mentors. Those who participated in the spring (including myself) loved participating in this sport. It was challenging and different, but so much fun. If you have questions about this sport, please contact the Adapted Recreation Office.

Don't forget to sign up for the Adapted Recreation listserve. There are approximately 35 people presently signed up for the listserve. Those individuals receive both advanced notice of upcoming special events, and occasional opportunities that aren't available to the general public due to time limitations. Visit [www.tempe.gov/adaptedrecreation](http://www.tempe.gov/adaptedrecreation) to sign up. The website has been kept up to date, and now that I have fixed the glitch you may easily download registration forms.

Lastly, I just thought I'd send out an FYI about an organization that is looking for some good workers. The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) are looking for individuals with disabilities to be trained as custodians to work at Luke Air Force Base. They must be 18 years or older and able to pass a background check and a pre-employment drug screen. No experience is required for these part-time and full-time positions. If you are interested in receiving more information, contact Brandy at TCH at (480) 730-4221.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,

*I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar. - Robert Brault*

*Linda*

*I intend to live forever. So far, so good. - Steven Wright*

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# Special Olympics

The following Special Olympics opportunities are coming up for children and adults ages 8 and over:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Begins</u>
Aquatics	August 7
Unified Golf	August 8
Bowling	September 8

A Special Olympics medical release form and City of Tempe Registration Form must be on file by the first day of practice in order for you to participate. Anyone interested in being a volunteer coach/assistant coach, please contact Yolanda Mathews at 858-2417 or [yolanda\\_mathews@tempe.gov](mailto:yolanda_mathews@tempe.gov)

## Fall Buddy Bowling

Location: AMF-Tempe Village Bowling Ctr.  
4407 S. Rural Road  
(behind Denny's)

Dates: Saturdays, Sept 8-Nov 17

Time: 9:30 AM

### \*BUDDY BOWLING LEAGUE

Who: 7 years and up

Bowling Fee: \$6 each week for 3 games, shoes and league prizes

Reg. Fee: \$20 (\$2 each week if absent)

Everyone wins in the Tempe Buddy Bowling Program! This is a social bowling program in which non-disabled buddies are paired up with bowlers with disabilities. Buddies act as Team Captains to provide encouragement and assistance. At the end of the season everyone gets an award, certificate, or trophy. Many times bowlers receive cool prizes as well. Course code: 7657



## L.E.A.P.

L.E.A.P. stands for Life Skill **E**nrichment **A**fter School **P**rogram. This teen after school program is offered in partnership with the Tempe Union High School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

**Location:** Marcos de Niza High School

**Time:** 2:30-6 pm

**Fee:** \$35 per week

**Eligibility:** Must be a Tempe Union High School District Special Education Student.

The Tempe Union High School District will provide transportation from the student's school to Marcos de Niza High School. Parents **MUST** submit a transportation request through the school's Special Education Dept. Chair requesting transportation to Marcos de Niza High School. Transportation from Desert Vista will not be provided. Parents are responsible for transportation home.

Registration forms are available at the Tempe Parks and Recreation Office, 3500 S. Rural Rd. They may also be downloaded from our website at [www.tempe.gov/adaptedrecreation](http://www.tempe.gov/adaptedrecreation).

**We are authorized DDD providers. Contact your case manager for details.**

### Batter Up Baseball Clinic

People with physical and/or cognitive disabilities can learn to hit, catch and throw like a big leager! The clinic will be held at the Kiwanis Park Batting Ranges, 6055 S. All America Way. Register as a family or an individual. Fee: \$12

8717 8+ Sat 10/13-11/3 2-3pm KPBR

### Dragon Boat Racing

This unique new sport is being offered to people with cognitive disabilities as well as able-bodied partners. This is your opportunity to learn something that very few others know how to do!

Fee: \$10

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# Special Events

Boogie on down to the City of Tempe's

## *Fabulous Friday Night Dances*

These monthly dances are held the second Friday of every month.

**WHEN:** September 14 - Jungle Safari (come as Tarzan or Jane)  
October 12 - *Halloween Monster Bash!*  
November 9 - Groovy '70s (hippies and flower children welcome)

**TIME:** 6:30—9 PM

**WHERE:** Pyle Adult Center  
655 E. Southern

**WHO:** Teens & Adults ages 13 and up

**FEE:** \$3, includes admission, drinks, snacks and door prizes



Who doesn't love B-I-N-G-O! Prizes abound when you play bingo with the City of Tempe Adapted Recreation Program. Come out to the Pyle Center and have a good time.

## *Bingo!*

**When:** First Friday of each month:  
September 7  
October 5  
November 2

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Pyle Adult Center, SW corner of Southern and Rural.

**Fee:** \$2 at the door

**Ages:** All ages (those needing assistance must provide their own aide).

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ACCOMMODATIONS: The City of Tempe endeavors to make all of its programs, services, and facilities accessible to, usable by, and available to qualified individuals with disabilities. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to call regarding program eligibility requirements, accessibility, and usability of programs, services, and facilities and to request an accommodation for participation. The Parks and Recreation Department has available a personal reading machine, assistive listening devices and a text telephone/TDD (480) 350-5050.

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