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PROGRAMS

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May promises the return of summer: hot weather, breaks from school and plenty of spare time to try something new! The summer edition of the Tempe Opportunities Brochure is the perfect place for you and your family to find lots of great things to help you stay cool and enjoy your free time. With nearly 1,000 classes, summer camps and/or activities, there's something for everyone to do in Tempe!



SPEND YOUR SUMMER IN TEMPE WITH NEW CLASSES & CAMPS

TOTS:

Toddler Tea Time

Enjoy art, music and theater experiences during a tea-time lunch with your little one! Each week is a different themed tea from "Princess and the Frog" to "Birthday Party Fun!" Toddlers 2-6 years are invited to join in select Tuesdays in June & July at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts.

Little All Stars

Get your little athletes 16 months-5 years excited for sports this summer! Class offerings include multi-sport classes designed for specific age levels. New this summer to the "Little All Stars" family is Little Star Tumbler, perfect for your tiny gymnast 3-5 years old. Children will learn the basics of tumbling and gymnastics, all while improving their rhythm, coordination and balance.

month from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and does not require registration. Make it for Mom on Fri., May 18 and return to Do it for Dad on Fri., June 15.

YOUTH:

Bling it On!

Create one-of-a-kind jewelry and accessories in these workshops. Young jewelry makers 10-13 years will learn how to embellish, bead, sew and much more at these workshops held select Tuesdays in June and July. Students will leave the class with finished items that demonstrate their special flair.

Free Art Friday

Bring your Preschooler to Free Art Friday at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts. Together, you can create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time. The free family-friendly drop-in event is held the third Friday of each



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Junior Golf

Junior golfers 6-17 will learn the basics of the sport from putting and swinging to rules and etiquette. Classes are open to all skill levels and will be held at both morning and evening times. Junior golf summer day camps are also available throughout June and July.

TEENS:

Ceramics Mini-Session

This class is designed to introduce teen artists 8-13 years to hand building and use of the potter's wheel through a series of skill-focused activities. Glazing techniques will also be covered.

Youth Paddling

Get a jump-start on your summer mornings with a boating class! Teens ages 10-17 can learn to paddle on Tempe Town Lake! Instructors will teach teens stroke technique, specific to fitness paddling. They will gain experience in kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, dragon boats and outrigger canoes.

ADULTS:

Pay-as-You Go Fitness Classes

If your summer months are too busy for a full-time class commitment, consider joining a "Pay as you go" class! Participants can choose from a variety of aerobic fitness classes, including the brand new Aqua Zumba. Known as "pool party Zumba," this class blends traditional aqua fitness with Zumba philosophy for a water-based workout that's challenging, safe and exhilarating! Other classes include Body Sculpting, Zumba Toning and others.



Adult Specialty Tennis Clinics

Adults 16 years+ looking to improve their tennis skills can sign up for a

variety of specialty clinics. Ranging from starter leagues for beginning players to clinics focused on specific strokes, there is a class for everyone wanting to play tennis!

Cooking Classes

Join Tempe Chef JoAnne Groot for cooking classes on select June and July weeknights. Demos include heart healthy cooking, Mediterranean, Mexican and Italian Cuisine.

ADULTS 50+

Senior Water Fitness

This water fitness class is exclusively for adults 50+ and incorporates warm-ups, aerobic exercise and a cool-down period, all while toning and strengthening muscles.

SUMMER CAMPS:

Girls in grades 2-8 are invited to refine their softball skills and learn from Corona del Sol High School's Coach Jeep Ray during the week-long **AZTEC/LadyHawks Summer Softball Camp**, Mon. June 4 – Fri., June 8.



Future basketball stars in Kindergarten-4th grade will learn the fundamentals of basketball at the **Small Ball Hoops Camp** Sat., June 9 – Sat., July 28. Boys and girls, 5th-8th grade are invited to enhance their basketball fundamentals on the big court during **Rec Hoops Camp** Sat., June 2 – Sat. July 21.

Young Rembrandts camps provide a productive environment for your budding artist to discover and develop their drawing abilities. The **Summer Fun Drawing camp** is designed for little artists ages 3 ½ - 5, while older illustrators ages 6-12 will learn how to

create images inspired by space in **Blast into Orbit Drawing & Cartooning**.

Actors ages 8-13 will develop their acting skills through this month-long **Young Actors Theatre camp**! Characterization, improvisation, creative movement, and costume and set design will all be experienced, as young actors prepare for a final production at session's end.



Camp Challenge is a summer day camp offered throughout June and July for youth ages 5-22 with developmental disabilities. Campers will participate in a variety of fun activities including arts and crafts, games, swimming, music, field trips, bowling and much more, all designed to promote physical exercise, mental stimulation and social skills development. Contact Josh Bell, Adapted Recreation Coordinator, at (480) 858-2469 or Josh_Bell@tempe.gov.

Young engineers will use unique LEGO® kits to help develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math skills in a playful environment at **LEGO Camps**. Weekly camps are held throughout June. Children ages 6-13 learn how to construct cars, build motorized vehicles and create construction machines, all while developing their problem-solving, risk-taking, physics and engineering skills.

Tempe has partnered with the Arizona Science Center to offer several **STEM Camps** this summer. Young astronauts, 8-12 years, can embark on a journey **To the Moon and Beyond** to learn about motion, force, energy and aeronautical engineering, while building space suits,



launching rockets and exploring artifacts found on the moon. Junior engineers, ages 8-12, will investigate various design processes used throughout history by famous inventors at the **Discovery and Invention camp**. Campers will learn how these inventions still work in our daily lives.

Ready to register? Here's how:

1. Online at <https://1.https://pkreconline.tempe.gov/InternetRegistration/Start/Start.asp>
2. In person at the [Recreation Administration Office, Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, Pyle Adult Recreation Center, Kiwanis Recreation Center, Escalante Community Center](#) or [North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#).

3. Fax in a registration form with credit card number to (480) 350-5058
4. Mail your registration to: Class Registration, 3500 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, AZ, 85282

In addition to viewing the brochure online, you can also pick up a copy at City of Tempe facilities and Tempe Fry's Food Stores. Visit www.frysfood.com for a location near you.

Community Services Scholarship Program: Tempe's Community Services Scholarship Program encourages Tempe and Guadalupe residents ages 0-17 and youth enrolled in a Tempe public school to stay active by offering discounted course fees to those who cannot afford regular rates. Call (480) 350-5200 for details.



JOB WELL DONE AT FIRST-EVER VOLUNTEER FLASH MOB

Twenty dedicated volunteers came out for the first-ever, "Flash Mob Volunteer Event" on Saturday, April 21. Community volunteers spent the morning cleaning and painting the interiors of two of the four homes in Tempe's Shared Living Facilities.

According to Wikipedia, a flash mob is a group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place, perform an unusual and seemingly pointless act for a brief time, then disperse, often for the purposes of entertainment, satire, and artistic expression. Flash mobs are organized via telecommunications, social media or viral emails.

In Tempe, we wanted to redefine "flashmob" to mean, a sudden assembly of people in a public place, to perform an unusual and meaningful act for a brief time, then disperse.

According to the recipients of the volunteers' efforts, Tempe was successful in their endeavor.

DOUBLE THE WAVES, DOUBLE THE FUN

Take the family to cool off at [Kiwanis Wave Pool](#)! The zero-depth-entry wave pool features a double spiral water slide and generates 3-foot waves in varying patterns, ensuring a good time for all. Through May, two wave sessions are available on Saturdays and one session on Sundays. Tube rentals are available. For hours and fees, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis.



MOVIES IN THE PARK RETURNS WITH A BRAND NEW SPRING LINE-UP

Pack a picnic dinner, grab a blanket, round-up the gang and head over to Kiwanis Park to watch a great family movie under the stars. Tempe's free family movie series – Movies in the Park – returns on Friday evenings in May.

This marks the 35th year of this entertaining program. The movie line-up offers lots of laughs for all, including:

May 11 - [Smurfs](#) (PG)

May 18 - [Kung Fu Panda 2](#) (PG)

May 25 - [Hop](#) (PG)

Movies begin at dusk, approximately 7 p.m. on the west side of Kiwanis Lake, near the fire pit. For more details, visit www.tempe.gov/movies or call 480.350.5200.



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Recreation on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Fri, May. 11

Movies in the Park: Smurfs

Free outdoor family movie series
Dusk (approximately 7 p.m.)
[Kiwanis Park](#)

Thurs, May. 17

Galaxies Beyond the Milky Way

Third Thursday Night Café Lecture Series
7 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Fri, May. 11

Tapped

Our Future with Water
Film Series, Part 2
7 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Fri, May. 18

Free Art Friday

“Make it for Mom”
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
[Edna Vihel Center for the Arts](#)

Sat, May. 12

P.A.W.S. Pet Adopt-a-Thon

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
[Kiwanis Park](#) Ramada # 3

Fri, May. 18

Movies in the Park: Kung Fu Panda 2

Free outdoor family movie series
Dusk (approximately 7 p.m.)
[Kiwanis Park](#)

Sun, May. 13

Mother's Day Kayak

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
[Tempe Town Lake](#)

Fri, May. 18

The American Southwest

Our Future with Water Film Series, Part 3
7 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)