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SPRING INTO SOMETHING NEW!

Spring is the perfect time to try a new activity, get in shape or spend time with your family and the [Spring Opportunities Brochure](#) is the perfect place to find all of these great opportunities. All ages and stages will enjoy offerings from arts and crafts courses and fitness classes to sports programs and boating opportunities.



Tots

Story Book Chef:

Sing, dance, play, listen, learn and ... cook? Enhance your child's storytime with a corresponding mini-chef activity. Storybook Chef Jill Kyroudis will introduce children ages 3-5 to a favorite children's book, followed by a hands-on, age-appropriate and fun food-related activity. Class themes include: Orange Juice Peas, Carrot Apple Spice Muffins, Spaghetti Eddie, Mini-Pizzas and more. Classes are \$15 each and are offered on select Monday mornings in March- May.

Dance Around the World; Parent & Child:

Learn dances and customs from different cultures, communities and climates. Explore the music, movement and costumes of dance from around the world. You may do an Irish Jig or a Hawaiian Hula; each week brings something new. One parent may register with up to two children ages 2-5. The class fee is \$20.



Youth

Junior Golf:

If you think you have a mini Phil Mickelson at home, or maybe just a budding golf enthusiast, register them for a spring golf class! Classes are open for youth ages 6-17 and will be available from March-May. Instruction will be given on putting, chipping, full swing, as well as rules and etiquette. Some sessions may include on-course practice and junior clubs are available if you don't have your own.



Passport to Art:

Boys and girls ages 7-12 can discover different types of artworks created in every corner of the ancient and modern world. They will explore art techniques and styles from different countries. The class will culminate with a "cultural collage" incorporating all art techniques studied during the class session. The class fee is \$20.





Teens

iPhone Photography (Creative Mobilography):

If you're constantly snapping photos with your phone or tablet, this class is for you! Learn how to capture amazing images with these most basic photographic tools, including using and combining several applications, creating interesting still life photos and producing creative portraits. The class is for budding photographers ages 16 and older and is taught by David Miller, professional photographer. The class fee is \$45.

Beginning Crochet:

Pick-up the hook! Whether you are new to crochet or just need a refresher course, this class is for you! Teens ages 14 and older will learn the four basic crochet stitches, gauge/hook size, reading yarn labels, tension and how to read a pattern. Crochet a multi-textured scarf that you may showoff, or give as a gift. The class fee is \$25.

After you learn the art of crocheting, join the newest sensation to hit the Tempe Community Center Complex – Yarn Bombing! Yarn Bombing is a fun project for community members, who come from all over to place items they have made throughout a certain area. It's a fun way to start a knitting hobby, brighten up an area and promote arts in Tempe.



Adults

Cardio Kickboxing:

Cardio Kickboxing elevates your heart rate and keeps you moving with a series of kicking and boxing moves. Each class begins with practicing the basic jabs, punches and kicks. Learn techniques to increase cardiovascular, muscular endurance and strength, along with enhanced flexibility. No experience necessary and any fitness level can attend. Drop-ins welcome! Pay as you go for \$5 per class or \$45 for the entire session.



Wire Wrapping:

Learn to transform ordinary wire into multiple shapes and beautiful jewelry. A variety of individual classes can help you make colorful Czech bracelets, Egyptian spiral necklaces, one-of-a-kind earrings, whimsical pendants or fabulous funky rings. The wire-working techniques you will learn are as much fun to make as they are to wear!



Adults 50+

Tap Dance:

Put your dancing shoes back on and try something new! Tempe offers three tap dance classes for those looking to learn the basics or perform routines. Participants of Beginning Tap Dance will learn introductory steps and put together a fun dance routine while intermediate students learn fundamental techniques and choreography. Students who advance to Performance Tap Dance will polish up routines and perform for an audience.



Kooky e-Books:

If you got a brand new e-reader or tablet for the holidays and it's still sitting in its box, this class is just right for you! Learn how to use your devices, download e-books and check out books from the Tempe Public Library.



Adapted Rec

Special Olympics:

Calling all Tempe Olympians! Youth ages 8 and older and adults with intellectual disabilities are invited to join Special Olympics Arizona to learn sportsmanship and teamwork while achieving their personal goals! Special Olympic sports are currently being offered for athletes interested in:

Kayaking: Tuesdays, March to April

Powerlifting: Saturdays, Feb. to April

Tennis: Wednesdays, Feb. to April

Track and Field: Mondays, Feb. to April

Volleyball: Saturdays, February to April

Special Olympics sports are open to athletes both new and experienced. Weekly practices focus on teaching and developing fundamental skills.

For more information on how to get involved in Tempe's Special Olympics programs, either as an athlete or a unified partner, visit [Adapted Recreation](#) or contact Josh Bell at 480-858-2469.



Family Activities

Moonlight Kayak:

Paddle in the moonlight and enjoy the moon and the stars around Tempe Town Lake! Bring clothes you don't mind getting wet, a towel and a change of clothes; and be prepared to howl at the moon. Kayaks, equipment and PFDs are provided. Must be 18 years or older to participate. There is a \$30 fee per person. Upcoming Moonlight Kayak events are Saturday, March 23, Friday, April 26 and Friday, May 24.



Swim Lessons:

Don't wait until summer; get ahead of the curve and start your swim lessons now! Tempe offers a variety of swim classes for all ages and skill ability. Programs range from infants and toddlers' first introduction to water, to teens looking to improve their stroke, to adults trying a new form of exercise. Browse the [Spring Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#) to find the class best suited for you and your family.



Ready to Register? Here's How:

1. Online at www.Tempe.gov/brochure
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

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.



COME OUT AND PLAY!

Enjoy a day of play and find the spring opportunity that's right for you and your family this Saturday at Tempe PlayDay! The fourth annual event will be held Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Kiwanis Park Lake.

Families and community members can enjoy youth sports, kayaking, dance and movement, a bounce house, play activities and more! Registration will be available on-site for those wishing to register for a spring class or program.

PlayDay is held to celebrate Tempe's designation as a Playful City USA for the fourth consecutive year. KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives, chose Tempe as a Playful City USA community this past spring. KaBOOM! named 213 cities and towns across the country – 12 of which are in Arizona – as Playful City USA honorees.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RIDE THE ROLLER COASTERS

The [Escalante Family Magic Mountain Trip](#) is here! Families have until Friday, March 1 to sign up for the spring break trip to California.

The bus will be departing from the Escalante Community Center on Thursday, March 8 at 11:30 p.m. and returns to the [Escalante Community Center](#) on Sunday, March 10 at approximately 6 a.m.

Families will be able to enjoy the rides at [Six Flags Magic Mountain](#) from 10 a.m.

to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. Each participant will need to bring spending money, snacks, water, a change of clothes, sunscreen and sunglasses.

Attendees must be at least 6 years old. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person and there is a maximum of six spaces per family. The cost includes admission to theme park and transportation for turn-around trip. A parent must attend for youth participation.

PASS, SHOOT AND SCORE WITH THE SPRING HOOPS CLINIC

Young basketball players in kindergarten through eighth grades can learn proper shooting form, get comfortable with a 2-3 zone defense and dribble circles around the competition.

This grade-based, two-hour [Spring Hoops](#)

[Clinic](#) will get basketball players ready for their upcoming season or introduce them to the wonderful sport of basketball. Each station's drills are carefully-tailored to fit each grade level. No experience needed. The clinic will be on Saturdays March 16 and 23 and the fee is \$33.





TRAIN TO BECOME A JUNIOR TRIATHLETE

The [Arizona Kids Triathlon](#) is coming to Tempe! On Sunday, April 28, young athletes from all over the valley will gather at Kiwanis Park to swim, bike and run their way through the event.

If you've got a young athlete at home who's looking to try something new, the Arizona Kids Triathlon has free, five-week training sessions at locations throughout the valley, including [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#). The first sessions begin the week of March 11 and participants can choose

between Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m. or Sundays from 2-3:30 p.m. Participants must have basic swimming skills and their own bicycle.

To register for the upcoming training sessions, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure. The registration code for the Friday class is 34263 and Sunday class is 34441. For additional information on the training session or the upcoming triathlon, call Kiwanis Recreation Center at 480-350-5201.

HACKETT HOUSE FEATURES COOKING CLASSES WITH LOCAL CHEFS

Learn how to cook on the beautiful patio of the [Hackett House](#) in Tempe. Participants will get great cooking tips from local chefs and will enjoy a fabulous meal.

March 5

Chef Lee Hillson of [The Phoenician](#)

March 25

Mario Vincitorio chef and owner of [VinciTorio's](#)

April 9

[Kim Lahn](#) vegan chef and food blogger

April 23

Kathy Andrews culinary enthusiast

April 30

Chris Cosper of [Garcia's Mexican Restaurant](#)

Gift shopping and complimentary wine bar begin at 6 p.m. and classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes are \$50 per class per person, \$175 your choice of four out of the five events or \$220 for all five events (non-transferrable). For reservations, call 480-350-8181.

NIGHT OF THE OPEN DOOR

Families are invited to tour Arizona State University's Tempe campus on Saturday, March 2, from 4-9 p.m., for a close-up look at its labs, research, brain power, museums and mediated classrooms. [Night of the Open Door](#) will be an evening of exploration and discovery

at the intersection of the sciences, humanities and social sciences. Whether you are a kid or a kid-at-heart, a prospective or current student, alumnus, a Sparky fan or entrepreneur, there is something for everyone. Admission is free.



PREP AND YOUTH FOOTBALL'S ELITE TRAINING CAMP COMES TO TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL

[Football University](#), a national, invitation-only training camp run by former NFL players and coaches, will be in Tempe from March 15-17, making it the first stop on the camp's North American tour to more than 40 cities. Football University selects and invites more than 200 of the region's elite high school and youth players in grades 6-11 to undergo three days of intense football training, all under the tutelage of former NFL players and coaches.



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

March 2

[2013 PlayDay](#)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Kiwanis Park

March 2

[Tempe Cares](#)

8 a.m.

March 8

[Fabulous Friday Dance](#)

6:30 – 9 p.m.
Edna Vihel Center

March 8

[Tempe Comedy Concert Series: Ken Kaz](#)

7:30 p.m.
TCA Lakeside

March 9

[Lakeshore Jazz Series](#)

Karrin Allyson Quartet with the
Scottsdale Community College
Jazz Orchestra
7:30 p.m.
TCA Main Stage

March 15

[Free Art Friday](#)

St. Patrick's Day Celebration
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Edna Vihel Center

March 21

[Third Thursday at the Museum](#)

Grady Gammage: Water Resources and
the Urban Planning
7 p.m.
Tempe History Museum