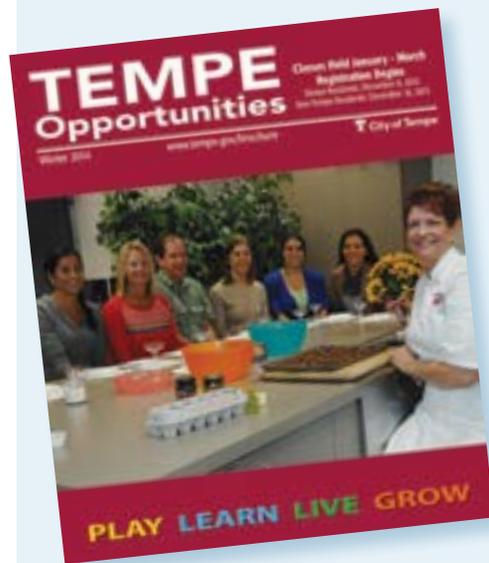


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OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN TEMPE

With the holiday bustle approaching, take some time to plan for next year by exploring the brand new [Winter 2014 Tempe Opportunities brochure](#) and signing up for Tempe's recreational classes. Registration for Tempe residents is now available and non-Tempe residents can start registering Monday, Dec. 16. Classes begin the week of Jan. 6.

Not only are Tempe's classes taught by quality instructors, they are also convenient and easy on the wallet – helping you make the most of the upcoming winter months. Here is a snapshot of some of our most exciting new and continuing classes for all ages.

Tots

Dance Out Loud

Dance isn't just about movement, it's also about sound. Students ages 3½ to 5-years-old will experience first-hand how to create rhythm they can move to in this percussion dance class. Using metal cans, brooms, cups and other objects, each piece has the potential to become a dance prop and an instrument.

Books and Reading

Sharing stories is an important part of a child's development, and what better way to start your small reader on the right path than with one of Tempe's Story Time or Storybook Chef programs? In Storybook Chef, students will not only be introduced to favorite children's books, but they'll cook foods and make art inspired by each story! The Tempe Public Library also offers a diverse selection of free story times for all ages and stages.

Little All Stars

Little All Stars is a high-energy combination sports program focused on developing gross motor skills, balance and self-confidence in fun and creative ways. Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of sports-related activities including soccer, tennis, basketball, golf, football, hockey, baseball, volleyball, tumbling and gymnastics.



Youth

Sculpture Reclaimed

Channel your inner sculptor in this 3-D multi-media program. Students ages 6 to 8-years-old will use reclaimed objects such as plastic, metal and cardboard, to create artworks that take root from their imagination. Discover how endless your creativity can be in this unique art class.

Youth Sports

Tempe offers a variety of youth sports programs for your young athlete. Program participants benefit from learning new skills, gaining self-confidence and staying active. Junior Golf teaches students of all skill levels the game of golf, while Youth Hoops teaches players the fundamentals of basketball. Opportunities are available for youth in pre-kindergarten through high school.



Teens

LadyHawks Fast Pitch Leagues

The LadyHawks Fast Pitch League offers fun, instructional programming for girls ages 10-14. Participants will learn and improve skills, increase confidence and work as part of a team. Leagues are geared towards young athletes interested in playing competitive middle school, club, or high school softball.



Studio Art Exploration

Teens ages 13 to 16-years-old with basic drawing and painting skills will gravitate towards this exploratory art class offering a more in-depth study of studio art. Art concepts covered include perspective, portraiture, nature studies, still lifes and more. Participants will have the opportunity to tackle each theme using a wide variety of media to improve technique, create layers and enhance their personal expression.



Adults 18+

Cooking Classes

Tempe's cooking demonstrations are perfect for a mid-week date night or an evening out with friends. Learn how to prepare delicious dishes from a variety of culinary backgrounds. Sign-up for an individual class or enroll in all six lessons.



Drum Circle

Reduce stress through the rhythm and beat of empowerment drumming. Discover how the drum can be used as a tool for communication, personal expression and relaxation, while experiencing the benefits to your health and the mind-body connection. No musical experience is required in this class geared for ages 16 years and older.

Exercise Classes

In our new Zumba Sentao™ class, participants ages 16 years and older will combine dance and fitness with explosive chair-based choreography to strengthen the core, torch calories and sculpt muscle. This dynamic class blends traditional moves like squats, lunges and crunches with dance to improve endurance for a great cardio workout that will keep you coming back for more!

Adults 50+

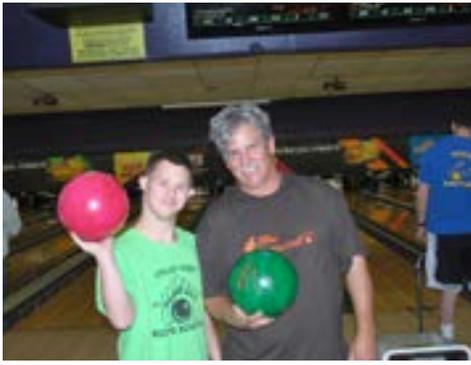
Creative Seniors

Whether you're looking to put brush to canvas, take-up photography or learn to use a knitting loom, Tempe has so much to offer for Adults 50+. Get creative in a painting or drawing class where you can learn color theory, composition and basic techniques. Design upcycled gifts by transforming empty containers and jars into storage items, office supply holders and more to keep for yourself or give away as handmade gifts for friends and family.



Computer Classes

Those looking to learn computer basics or just brush up their skills in a particular area are invited to check out a variety of computer-based classes offered this winter. Class topics include learning how to use a computer and how to shop smart for a new electronic device, as well as exploring the fun of computer games, blogs and online shopping.



Adapted Recreation

Tempe's Adapted Recreation Program provides a variety of classes, leagues and social events for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Buddy Bowling Unified Bowling League

This fun, unified bowling program provides a great way for athletes ages 7 and older with and without disabilities to participate together at AMF Tempe Village Lanes from Jan. 4 – March 22. The cost is \$8 per week and includes 3 games of bowling, bowling shoe rentals, and end-of-season prizes.

Zumba

This high-energy, cardio workout incorporates unique moves with upbeat Latin and international music. This class is designed for all experience levels and helps participants reach health goals by using easy-to-follow dance steps in a fun environment! Individuals must be independently mobile to participate. Those needing extra supervision must provide his/her own aide.

Family Activities

Archery

Tempe offers a wide range of programs for families, like Family Archery for ages 7 years and older, that teach you the fundamentals of the sport. In addition to providing you with the confidence of Robin Hood or Katniss Everdeen, the class fee includes range fees, equipment rental and supplies.



Free Art Friday

Free Art Friday is a monthly, family-friendly event that gives little ones the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Program features different art projects each month geared towards ages 3½-5 years that explore various themes. It is not necessary to register for these free, leisurely mornings of activities. Visit www.Tempe.gov/FamilyActivities for dates and themes.

Boating

Stand-Up Paddleboarding Yoga

Students will enjoy this unique class which combines the relaxing practice of yoga with the exhilarating thrill of Stand-Up Paddleboarding. Participants will paddle onto the lake, anchor their boards and begin their practice, which will feature seated and standing yoga postures, including sun salutations, lunges and downward-facing dog. Prerequisite: Intro SUP or commensurate experience.



Moonlight Paddles

Each month, registered participants can enjoy the freedom and excitement of paddling in the moonlight on Tempe Town Lake. In February, take a kayak and your sweetheart or a special someone out onto the water for a Valentine's Day Kayak experience. If you want to wait for warmer weather, set sail during our March Moonlight Kayak and enjoy the stillness of a night on the water. Kayaks, equipment and personal floatation devices (PFDs) will be provided.

Tennis

Learn to Play Tennis!

These beginner classes will introduce tennis players of all ages to the basic elements with quality instructors to ensure a positive, successful and enjoyable experience. With classes divided into three age groups, players ages 4-6, ages 7-15 and ages 16 and older can acquire and develop new playing skills while meeting new friends. Loaner tennis racquets are available at no additional charge.



READY TO REGISTER? HERE'S HOW:

1. Online at:
www.Tempe.gov/Brochure
2. In-person at the following locations:

[Recreation Administration Office](#)
[Edna Vihel Center for the Arts](#)
[Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)
[Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)
[Escalante Community Center](#)
[North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#)

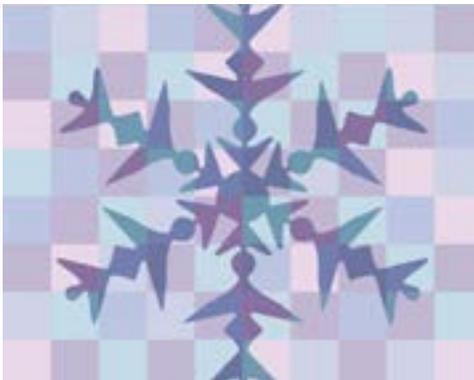
3. Fax in a registration form with credit card number to:
480-350-5058.
4. Mail your registration to:
Class Registration, 3500 S. Rural Road,
Tempe, AZ, 85282.

In addition to viewing the brochure online you can also pick up a copy at City of Tempe facilities.



FANTASY OF LIGHTS BOAT PARADE

The Valley's most unique holiday spectacle, the [Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade](#), returns Saturday, December 14 to [Tempe Beach Park](#). The free event opens to the public at 5 p.m. Spectators can expect the arrival of the jolliest elf himself, Santa Claus, at 6 p.m. Santa will take time to visit with children, listen to their holiday gift requests and pose for pictures – be sure to bring your camera! The boat parade begins at 7 p.m. and features more than 50 festively decorated vessels. Radio Disney will present a main stage of live, family-friendly entertainment. More than one-thousand luminaries will be lit to illuminate the sidewalks and paths throughout Tempe Beach Park and a fireworks finale will wrap-up the evening's event.



WINTER EXTRAORDINAIRE AT THE TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join the [Tempe Public Library](#) as they celebrate the winter season with their annual [Winter Extraordinaire](#) from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Dec. 21. This family-friendly, free event offers guests the chance to create seasonal crafts and decorate cookies, as well as listen to music, stories and more! Registration is not required.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE CIRCLE K NEW YEAR'S EVE BLOCK PARTY ON MILL AVENUE

Ring in 2014 with the [Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue](#) on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Downtown Tempe will be transformed into one big celebration from University Drive to Third Street. Mill Avenue will shut down to pedestrian traffic starting at 6 p.m., allowing visitors to take part in interactive games and activities, experience music from local bands on side stages and even grab a bite to eat.

For guests with young children, Radio Disney presents a carnival-like Family Fun Zone that runs until 10 p.m. Additionally, a special 9 Year's Eve celebration at 9 p.m. will allow those not wanting to stay out late for the midnight countdown to still enjoy fireworks and New Year's Eve fun.

If you plan on staying for the countdown to midnight, get ready for a spectacular fireworks display and confetti blast when the clock strikes 12. Continue the festivities with friends and family into the wee hours of the morning as the party will run until 2 a.m.

Advance tickets are available at a discount with purchase at participating Circle K stores. For more information, visit www.BlockPartyOnMill.com.

Tempe will make it easy for people to get to the Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party this year. With six bus and five Orbit routes serving Mill Avenue, Valley Metro will run bus routes until 2 a.m. outbound from the Transportation Center at Fifth and College within Tempe according to regular weekday schedules. Coors Light is sponsoring free rides on buses, the light rail and ADA Dial-A-Ride from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1. Before 7 p.m., the cost to ride is \$2 per trip. For more information, visit www.Tempe.gov/TIM.



SWIMMING WITH SANTA

Want a great stocking stuffer to keep your kids crazy for Christmas even after the big day is over? Advanced tickets are now on sale for [Swimming with Santa](#), the Kiwanis Wave Pool's annual holiday event. After a long night delivering toys around the world, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be taking their vacation time in the lovely Tempe, AZ weather. Bring your kids to swim in the wave pool with Santa from 1-3 p.m., and enjoy the continuing waves from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28. Spend time doing crafts with Mrs. Claus and thank the jolliest ole' elf himself for those gifts he left under the tree. Click here for more information about the [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#), or call 480-350-5201.





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

- Saturdays, Dec. 14 & 21 and Sundays, Dec. 15 & 22** [Danish Christmas at the Petersen House Museum](#)
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays;
 1-4 p.m. on Sundays
[Petersen House Museum](#)
- Saturday, Dec. 14** [How to Write Family History for Special Occasions](#)
 10:30 a.m.-Noon; [Tempe Public Library](#)
- Saturday, Dec. 14** [Mystery Author Betty Webb Author of the Lena Jones and Gunn Zoo](#)
 2 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)
- Monday, Dec. 16** [Winter 2014 Registration Begins for Non-Tempe Residents](#)
www.tempe.gov/brochure
- Saturday, Dec. 21** [Winter Extraordinaire](#)
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
[Tempe Public Library](#) – Storytime Room
- Saturday, Dec. 21** [Lakeshore Music Phoenix Boys Choir, “The Spirit of Christmas”](#)
 7:30 p.m.; [Tempe Center for the Arts](#)
- Wednesday, Dec. 25** [Christmas Holiday](#)
 City of Tempe Administration
 Offices Closed
- Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 & 28** [Swimming with Santa](#)
 1-3 p.m., Swim with Santa;
 3-5 p.m., waves continue
[Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) – Wave Pool
- Saturday, Dec. 28** [Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl](#)
 Kick-Off 8:15 pm MST
 Sun Devil Stadium
- Wednesday, Jan. 1** [New Year’s Day](#)
 City of Tempe Administration
 Offices Closed
- Monday, Jan. 6** [First week of Winter 2014 classes](#)
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