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THROUGH
PEOPLE,
PARKS &
PROGRAMS

Tempe has plenty of activities that are perfect for keeping your family members cool and entertained this summer – without breaking the bank! We've lined up a list of some of the top affordable or free summer activities you'll find in our fabulous city.

BEAT THE HEAT IN TEMPE



[Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park](#)

The Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park is a one-acre playground featuring play equipment, water buckets and waterfalls. Lifeguards will be on-hand during operating hours; however, children should always be watched by an adult while enjoying the splash playground. Admission is free. Beginning Saturday, May 24, the playground will be open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Children should always be watched by an adult while enjoying a neighborhood spray pad. No lifeguards or attendants are on duty. Admission is free. Spray pads are open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

[Escalante Pool](#)

The Escalante Pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 24 and features six lanes for lap swimming and a zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment and two slides. Admission is 75 cents for youth ages 6-17 and \$1.25 for adults ages 18 and older. Children ages 5 yrs and younger are free. The pool is open Saturday through Thursday 1-5 p.m. and Friday 1-7 p.m.

[Neighborhood Spray Pads](#)

Tempe also offers three neighborhood spray pads at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson parks, perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off.



FIZZ BOOM READ

Encourage your family to read and keep their minds active this summer. Kids of all ages can participate in this year's [Tempe Public Library Summer Reading Program: Fizz Boom Read](#). The free program begins on May 29 and ends on July 26. Children can register at the Tempe Public Library's Youth Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. In addition to reading for prizes, there will be a Summer Reading Kick-off Party on May 31 to help start the summer off with a "boom!"

Join the Library from 1:30-3:30 p.m. every Thursday in June and July for the Totally Tempe event portion of the Summer Reading Program. These events feature a wide array of presenters from musicians to dancers and more! Upcoming events in June include:

- June 5:** Magical Balloon-Making Cowboy
- June 12:** Hula Hoop Dancers
- June 19:** Didgeridoo Down Under
- June 26:** Ronald McDonald: Literacy and Manners



GO WILD AT THE TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM

On Wednesdays in June and July, join the [Tempe History Museum](#) from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for its popular Wild Wednesdays summer program that provides fun for the entire family. Through crafts, stories, music, motion and nibbles of nutritious snacks provided by Whole Foods Market in Tempe, the Tempe History Museum will teach kids the essential facts and simple strategies that make healthy eating choices easy through a series titled *Eat, Play & Grow Healthy*.

Each week will feature a different theme that focuses on the importance of making positive choices in nutrition, exercise and sleep, so families can visit again and again. There is no pre-registration needed for family groups who want to join the Museum for this free program series. Summer camp groups of 10 or more should call for a reservation; children must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 11:** My Five Senses
- June 18:** Go, Slow Whoa
- June 25:** Fabulous Fruits and Veggies
- July 9:** Move to the Beat
- July 16:** Perfect Portions
- July 23:** Sun and Water
- July 30:** You Are What You Eat



STAY SAFE AND LEARN TO SWIM

Tempe offers [swimming lessons](#) for all ages and skill levels, whether you're looking to introduce your child to the water for the first time or need a refresher course on swimming skills. Classes begin for children as young as 8 months in parent-infant classes and go all the way to adults looking to improve their swim stroke. Affordable lessons are held at two Tempe locations – [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) and [Escalante Community Center](#) – at convenient times throughout the week.



EXPLORE THE CITY WITH TEMPE TRANSPORTATION



Tempe has started issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program. The new passes are valid July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all [Valley Metro](#) bus routes and the METRO light rail free.

Youth transit passes can be picked up at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. 5th St. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth to receive the transit pass.

For details, visit www.tempe.gov/youthtransit.

COOL OFF AT A COMMUNITY CENTER WITH A SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES

On select Wednesday mornings and afternoons in June and July, the [Tempe Public Library](#) will bring fun and educational presentations for all kids and adults of all ages to the [Escalante Multi-Generational](#) and [Westside](#) community centers!

See animals up close, learn about dinosaurs, practice a few magic tricks and more at these hour-long presentations. Upcoming events include:

June 11: Craig Davis – Magician and juggler

June 18: Arizona Rick – Balloon Making Cowboy

June 25: Wildman Phil – Hands-on encounters with wildlife



MAKE TIME FOR PLAY TIME AT TEMPE'S DOG PARKS



Keep your four-legged family member happy and socialized this summer with a trip to one of Tempe's five [dog parks](#). Conveniently located within Papago, Jaycee, Creamery and Mitchell Parks, as well as the Tempe Sports Complex, each dog park is free and offers guests a chance to exercise their pet(s) in a secure environment. Avoid a walk on the hot summer concrete and visit one of our parks in the cooler morning or evening hours. For more information about dog park locations and rules, visit www.Tempe.gov/Parks or call 480-350-5200

GRIP IT AND RIP IT AT TEMPE'S GOLF COURSES

Having a great time is “par” for the course when golfing in Tempe. The city offers golf instruction for junior, beginning and intermediate players, as well as open play at two exceptional municipal golf courses - *Rolling Hills* located on Mill Ave. North of Curry Rd., and *Ken McDonald*, located on Divot Dr. and Rural Rd. (between Elliot Rd. and Guadalupe Rd.).

Whether you're aiming to practice and have fun with the whole family or trying to earn bragging rights with friends, Tempe's golf courses offer a wide array of amenities including: 7-day advance tee times, affordable daily fees with resident fees available, full-service restaurants, group and private lessons, family tees and more!

Be sure to check the Tempe Golf page for current discounts and promotions. Each course is open sunrise to sunset year-round. To register for a class, visit [www.Tempe.gov.Brochure](http://www.Tempe.gov/Brochure), or for information on the courses, check-out www.Tempe.gov/Golf.



CELEBRATE THE 4TH AS A FAMILY



The [Kiwanis Club of Tempe](http://www.kiwaniscluboftempe.org) presents the [Fox 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival](http://www.tempe.gov/4th) on Friday, July 4 at [Tempe Beach Park](http://www.tempe.gov/beachpark). Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be live, local entertainment, a Family Fun Fest zone with activities, inflatables and rides, and the annual fireworks spectacular.

Tickets go on sale Monday, June 2 at [Fry's and Fry's Marketplace](http://www.frys.com) stores throughout the valley for \$5 (plus service charges) and at several City of Tempe facilities for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for \$8 each or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. All active military with ID will also be allowed in for free. The event benefits The Kiwanis Club of Tempe's Children's Charities.

For the seventh year, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest. The winner will perform the National Anthem at the event. Visit www.Tempe4th.com for details, including parking and transit information, a list of allowable items that can be brought into the event and more.

PEDAL THE DAY AWAY IN TEMPE

One of the best ways to experience Tempe is by cruising on a bicycle. Tempe has many [multi-use paths and bike/pedestrian bridges](http://www.tempe.gov/multi-use-paths) that are perfect for a short ride to work, or a long relaxing ride with the family or a group of friends. In 2011, Tempe was recognized for providing safe bike facilities like the Western Canal Multi-use path. Additional Multi-use paths and bridges include: Crosscut Canal, Rio Salado, Tempe Canal and Kyrene Canal, as well as the College Avenue Bridge, Country Club Way Bridge and Tempe Town Lake Bridge. For more information and a map of bicycle paths, visit www.Tempe.gov/Bike.



TEMPE'S GOT THE SCENES JUST FOR TEENS

Teens ages 13-18 can hang out with friends and make the most of their summer at the [Tempe Public Library](#), located at 3500 S. Rural Rd. At Teen Tuesdays from 2-5 p.m. on June 10 & 24, and July 8 & 22, participants can watch a movie and complete a craft activity. From 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays starting June 4 and running through July 30, teens can battle for bragging rights on wall-

sized video games with *Game On*. Teen Tuesdays is free and registration is not required. Find the Tempe Public Library on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/TempePublicLibrary

June 10

Movie: Clash of the Titans

Craft: Duct Tape Fun

June 24

Movie: Eight Legged Freaks

Craft: T-shirt Shopping Bag

July 8

Movie: Adventures in Babysitting

Craft: Make Your Own Flair

July 22

Movie: A Knight's Tale

Craft: Craft a Catapult; Fight in the Marshmallow Wars!

The popular *Teen Adventure Series* returns to the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#) this summer. This exciting series offers teens ages 13-18 the chance to take-part in fun activities and events for free or for a nominal fee. Rock-out at the "Summer Jam Pool Party," challenge yourself at the "Flagstaff Adventure Course," or flip-out with friends on "Indoor Trampolines." Registration is required for these one-day activities. Visit www.Tempe.gov/Brochure to register or contact the Escalante Center at 480-350-5800.



SPEND YOUR SUMMER RIDING WAVES



Swim season is here! Beat the heat and keep your family entertained at the Kiwanis Recreation Center's affordable and fun wave pool.

[The Kiwanis Wave Pool](#) is a year-round indoor heated pool featuring a lap pool with six lanes and zero-depth entry. The Wave Pool offers 3-foot waves in varying patterns and a tall, double spiral water slide and splashdown pool. Admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older. Beginning Saturday, May 24, summer waves run daily from 1-5 p.m.

Kiwanis is rolling out Wave Pool Theme Days on various weekends throughout June and July. Each Theme Day offers discounted admission for guests depending on that weekend's theme. From donating school supplies to wearing your Tempe sports camp shirt, swimmers can receive anywhere from half-off admission up to one free admission to ride the waves. Visit www.Tempe.gov/Waves for a list of dates and themes.

EXPLORE YOUR SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is the perfect time to try a new activity, learn a new skill or spend time with your family and the [Summer Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#) is the best place to find these great opportunities. All ages and stages will enjoy the variety of

classes, programs and camps available this summer, from cooking and knitting to fitness, boating and arts and crafts. New programs begin the week of June 2 and registration is going on now.



ENJOY A COOL EVENING WITH A FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK



Once the sun goes down, Arizona summer temperatures can cool off into the 80s and that's the perfect weather for a picnic!

Tempe has 48 [parks](#) strategically placed throughout the city so most residents are within half a mile of one. Tempe's parks serve as the community's backyard and provide the perfect venue for a picnic with the family or some neighbors. So grab a blanket, a picnic dinner and have fun together enjoying a cool summer evening. For more information about Tempe's parks, visit www.Tempe.gov/Parks 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 Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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| Friday May 23 | <u>Movies in the Park</u> Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.); Kiwanis Park – North soccer fields | Friday May 30 | <u>Movies in the Park</u> Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.); Kiwanis Park – North soccer fields |
| Sat. & Sun. May 24 & 25 | <u>Excelling Students Weekend – Wave Pool</u> 1-5 p.m.; Kiwanis Recreation Center | Saturday May 31 | <u>Saturday Storytime</u> 10:30-11 a.m.; Tempe Public Library |
| Monday May 26 | Memorial Day – Observed City of Tempe Administrative Offices Closed | Monday June 2 | <u>Tempe Summer Camps & Programs begin</u> |
| Monday May 26 | Tempe Aquatic Facilities Open Daily Escalante Pool – opens May 24 Sat.-Thu., 1-5 p.m., Fri., 1-7 p.m.; Kiwanis Wave Pool Mon.-Sun., 1-5 p.m.; Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park Mon.-Sun., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; | Monday June 2 | <u>Tickets on sale for July 4th TTL Festival</u> |
| Thursday May 29 | <u>Summer Reading Program begins – Fizz Boom Read</u> Tempe Public Library | Wednesday June 11 | Summer Special Event – Craig Davis 10-11 a.m.; Westside Community Center 1-2 p.m.; Escalante Multi-Generational Center |
| | | Wednesday June 11 | Wild Wednesdays – My Five Senses 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tempe History Museum |
| | | Sat. & Sun. June 14 & 15 | <u>Father’s Day Weekend – Wave Pool</u> 1-5 p.m.; Kiwanis Recreation Center |