

**July 9, 2008**

4th of July Celebration

Not even Mother Nature could keep Tempe from lighting up the sky on the 4th of July. While others were forced to cancel their fireworks show, Tempe delivered one of the best fireworks displays west of the Mississippi, according to several event attendees.

Interesting facts about the Tempe Town Lake July 4th Festival

- Event required more than 13 hours to set-up and only 5 hours to tear down
- Fireworks show lit up the night sky for 40 minutes
- Over 925 volunteers and employees worked the July 4th Festival
- CBS 5 used more than 3,000 ft. of audio, video and electrical cable, and 8 cameras to broadcast the event live
- Over 55,000 Tempe residents and visitors entered Tempe Beach Park for the festival
- Over 225,000 Valley residents witnessed the wonderful display of fireworks

The city of Tempe Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all of those involved in making the Tempe Town Lake July 4th Festival another amazing event. We look forward to seeing you next year!

New Day Campers Attend Camp Challenge

Camp Challenge is a summer day camp program provided by Tempe Parks and Recreation that has been serving individuals with physical, emotional, and developmental disabilities for over 20 years. Children and teens that would not thrive in the traditional summer camp setting are provided the opportunity to participate in a program that will foster lifelong skills that will aid them as they grow older.

This summer, thanks to the receipt of a SACA (Seized Asset Community Action) Grant, Camp Challenge participants will go on weekly field trips with children from the Boys and Girls Club Summer Day Camp. The group will attend bowling outings, as well as a laser tag session. This partnership provides campers a new opportunity to interact with one another.



The SACA Grant is a collaborative effort of the City of Tempe Police Department and the Tempe Community Council (TCC) to enhance the effectiveness and impact of activities designed to serve youth in Tempe. Grants will foster and support youth programs that focus on gang, alcohol, drug, dropout or juvenile crime prevention and character building.

Maroon 42...Ready...Set...Hike...

Is your child looking to learn the fundamentals of football or enhance their skills before the fall season kicks off? Then we have the camp for you! Mike Gibbons, head varsity football coach of McClintock High School, will host a youth football camp Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 24. Children in grades 3 to 8 are welcome to attend. Camp will be held at Jim Lyons Stadium on the McClintock campus from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Registration is \$80.00 and fee assistance is available for all Tempe and Guadalupe residents.

This camp is a great way for young athletes to learn the basics of football in a fun and competitive environment, as the coaching staff will teach the fundamentals of running, passing, catching and the very basics of hitting and blocking. Don't miss this chance to learn directly from the McClintock coaching staff, former college and professional players, as well as the current Varsity Charger players. To register or for more information, visit <http://pkreconline.tempe.gov/eConnect/Activities/ActivitiesCourseDetails.asp?aid=1591&cid=16432>.



Beat the Heat Safely this Summer

As the temperature rises, Tempeans look for ways to beat the heat. Tempe Parks & Recreation offers a variety of swimming pools to keep you cool and swim lessons to keep you safe.

Outdoor Pools – Clark, Escalante and McClintock - feature open swim sessions with lifeguards on duty, seven days a week. Admission is free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18+.

Wave Pool – Kiwanis Indoor Wave Pool generates 3-foot waves in varying patterns. It also features a 127-foot-long, 15-foot-tall double spiral water slide. Wave pool admission is \$3 for ages 2-12 and \$6 for ages 13+. Raft rentals are available.

July 19-20: Little Brother/Sister gets in FREE with Big Brother/Sister wave pool admission.
July 26-27: Wear city of Tempe sports league t-shirt and receive ½ off wave pool admission.

For a complete list of open swim and wave pool sessions, as well as location addresses, visit www.tempe.gov/pools.

Swim Lessons – Parks and Recreation offer a variety of swimming courses to teach residents of all ages how to swim and to be confident around water. So whether you are looking to teach your toddler the basics or encourage your teen to master the backstroke, our progressive classes are suited to each swimmer's needs. Sign up today www.tempe.gov/pools/swim.pdf or call (480) 350-5200.