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**September 2, 2009**

## “Always remember, never forget” at 2009 Healing Field



As we approach the eighth anniversary of that ill-fated Tuesday morning when nearly 3,000 people perished as a result of terrorist attacks on our nation, the city of Tempe and the Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation invite you to commemorate the fallen at the sixth-annual [Tempe Healing Field](#). The free community memorial at [Tempe Beach Park](#) will feature a field of American flags, one for every victim and emergency responder lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Healing Field begins Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 13. Visitors are welcome from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

In addition to the flag display, a brief commemoration - including a reading of the names of the first responders who died on Sept. 11, 2001 - will be held Friday, Sept. 11 at 5:40 a.m. A candlelight vigil with music, prayer and guest speakers will occur the same day at 7 p.m. United Blood Services will also be conducting blood drives on Friday, Saturday and Sunday inside their bloodmobile at Tempe Beach Park. Walk-in donors are welcome, or you can make an appointment online at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter “9/11” as the sponsor code.



Tempe Healing Field Schedule:

### **Friday, Sept. 11**

5:40 a.m. - Commemorative Ceremony

7 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil

7 a.m. to noon - United Blood Services Blood Drive

### **Saturday, Sept. 12**

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - United Blood Services Blood Drive

### **Sunday, Sept. 13**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - United Blood Services Blood Drive

For more information on Healing Field, [visit http://www.tempe.gov/events/healingfield/](http://www.tempe.gov/events/healingfield/).

## Registration roll call!

Have you registered for Parks and Recreation’s fall programs and classes yet? If not, we won’t count you absent, or even tardy, because there are still a few days left before classes start! Make sure you flip through the [Fall 2009 Tempe Opportunities brochure](#) online and turn your registration in on time to receive full marks and a spot in your favorite class. Sign up for a course in your best subject, whether it’s an art program like [Pastel Painting](#) for adults 50+, or a P.E. offering like [Total Body Workout](#) or [Japanese Jujutsu](#) for adults. There are also plenty of fun courses for [tots](#), [youth](#) and [teens](#) to supplement their learning in school.

Once you select a class you’d like to enroll in, [register online](#), at the [Parks and Recreation](#) office or at many community centers. Some classes begin the week of Sept. 7, so register today! Call (480)350-5200 with any questions.

## Mark your calendar for Tempe Play Day on Sept. 19

We all seem to find the time to work 40 hours (if not more) each week, clean the house, drive to and from appointments and run errands, but how often do we take time to play?

Regardless of age, play is important in creating a healthy lifestyle. Come celebrate being active and make time to play with your family, friends and neighbors on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Tempe's first-ever [Play Day](#). The free community event will be at [Kiwanis Park](#) from 8-11 a.m. and will feature games and events for all ages, including: a 1-mile fun run, kayaking on Kiwanis Lake, kickball, jump roping, tennis and basketball drills and skills, inflatable games, chalk art, the annual NFL Punt, Pass & Kick youth skills competition, baseball and softball skills challenges and much more.



Tempe Play Day comes after Tempe was designated a [Playful City USA community](#) in July by [KaBOOM!](#), a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives. Tempe was one of 93 communities across the country to receive the honor.



In addition to bringing a playful attitude, make sure you go through your closet and bring your worn-out athletic shoes to Play Day for recycling in the [Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program](#). The shoes will be recycled to form Nike Grind, a material used in sports and playground surfaces. The 15 lighted tennis courts at [Tempe's Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) were resurfaced with Nike Grind in June 2008.

For more information on Tempe Play Day 2009, visit [www.tempe.gov/recreation](http://www.tempe.gov/recreation) or call Tempe Parks and Recreation at (480) 350-5200.

## 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick at Play Day

One of the many free events for children at [Play Day](#) on Sept. 19 is the 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick skills contest. Boys and girls ages 8-15 are invited to compete against their peers and showcase their talents in distance and accuracy of punting, passing and kicking. Boys and girls will compete separately in four age divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. The top finishers will advance to the sectional competition and then to the NFL Team Championship, which will be played at half-time during an Arizona Cardinals home game.



The competition will be held at the [Kiwanis Recreation Center South Soccer Fields](#) from 8-11 a.m. No prior registration is required, but all contestants must provide proof of age to register at the event.



Contact Keyon Cornejo for more information at 480-350-5222 or [keyon\\_cornejo@tempe.gov](mailto:keyon_cornejo@tempe.gov)

## Save the Date:

Saturday, Sept. 19

Friday, Sept. 25

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2 - 4

[Tempe Play Day 2009](#) • 8-11 a.m. at Kiwanis Park

[Ballet Under the Stars](#) • 7 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts Amphitheater

[Way Out West Oktoberfest](#) • Friday - 5 p.m. to midnight at Tempe Town Lake

• Saturday - 10 a.m. to midnight at Tempe Town Lake

• Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake



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