

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN TEMPE

With the holiday bustle approaching, take some time to plan for next year by exploring the brand new [Winter 2013 Tempe Opportunities brochure](#) and signing up for Tempe's recreational and cultural classes. Registration for Tempe residents begins on Monday, Dec. 10, and non-residents can start registering Monday, Dec. 17. Classes begin the week of Jan. 7.

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 (0 - 5 Years)

Boot Scootin' Babies; Parent/Child

Little ones ages 2 to 4-years-old can rock-and-roll in this parent/child class. You will hit the dance floor doing the Twist, Hokey-Pokey, Chicken Dance and much more. One parent may register with up to two children (no charge for parent).

Young Sculptors

Students ages 3½ to 5-years-old will learn how to build one-of-a-kind 3-D artwork in this class by using clay, cardboard, foam, recyclables and other

materials. They will also learn about ancient reliefs to modern, abstract sculpture; create stimulating works of art that go-beyond two dimensional, flat painting.

Little Star Tumblers

This high energy class for children ages 4 to 5-years-old is designed as an introduction to tumbling and gymnastics. Students will learn new skills including: forward and backwards rolls, handstands, back bends and walk-overs. This class is designed by a certified Child Development Specialist to improve your child's rhythm, coordination and balance.

Youth (5 - 12 Years)

Discovery Kids™ Puterbugs Technology Class

Boys and girls ages 3 to 7-years-old can learn the top 100 tech skills that all children need to know for their tech-

based futures. Your youngster will learn everything from basic mouse, keyboard and navigational skills, to more advanced mobile concepts such as networks, satellites, cell phones, hotspots, wireless, email and the Internet.



Small Ball Hoops, Grades K-3

Through teamwork, ball handling, shooting, passing and defense, the youth hoops staff will have your child

comfortable with the game of basketball. The program will consist of practices followed by four 6-minute-quarter games.

Teens (12 – 18 Years)

Creative Writing Workshop for Teens

Move beyond the classroom “hamburger” model of introduction, main points one through three, and conclusion. Review various forms of writing from celebrated writers including fiction, short stories and poetry. Through class exercises, get your creative juices flowing and build skills for well-crafted fiction, such as character development, setting and themes. Depending on class consensus, students will share a piece of their original writing at the end of each class.

Climbers Only for Teens

Build self-confidence while enjoying the excitement and challenge of rock climbing in an indoor, safety-oriented environment. Teens ages 11 to 15-years-old will enjoy learning the basics of climbing, bouldering, rappelling, belaying and safety awareness.

Adults 18+

Basic Beading

Learn the basics of beading by determining how to choose the beads, tools and proper stringing material for your projects. Instruction includes layout and design ideas, proper crimping technique and the use of crimp covers. Create a new piece of jewelry or redesign an old one in your own style.

Exercise; Outdoor Boot Camp

Get ready for the ultimate total body workout. Certified fitness trainer, Samuel Eatman, will help improve your strength, agility, and cardiovascular fitness. Start off with calisthenics as a warm-up, and move into interval training at various circuits to challenge all of your major muscle groups. This class is good for beginning or advanced fitness buffs. Participants must bring their own Yoga mat, a set of three-to-five pound weights and fitness gloves.



Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a badminton or tennis court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. This six-week program is FREE to attend and will be held at Harelson Park.

Adults 50+

Zumba for 50+

This fun workout incorporates unique, Latin dance moves with up-beat Latin music. Zumba maximizes caloric output with fat-burning movements and adapts to your ability level with easy-to-follow dance steps so that you can have fun.



Acrylic and Oil Painting

Instructed by Donna Levine, this course in Acrylic and Oil Painting includes composition, color theory and basic painting techniques.

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. 19 – March 30. The cost is \$8 per week and includes 3 games of bowling and rental of bowling shoes.



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 their own aide.

Boating



Stand-Up Paddleboarding Yoga

Students will enjoy this new class which combines the relaxing practice of yoga with the exhilarating thrill of Stand-Up Paddleboarding. Participants will paddle onto 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.

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 fun 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 [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

In addition to viewing the brochure [online](#), you can also pick up a copy at City of Tempe facilities and Tempe Fry's Food Stores. Visit www.frysfood.com for a location near you.

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.



The holiday season is a time for giving and the kids from the City of Tempe's [Kid Zone Enrichment Program](#) are experts at doing so! Recently, they conducted their annual food drive for the City's Care 7 Program and collected a record-breaking amount of food – more than 3,000 items!

KID ZONE STUDENTS COLLECT RECORD AMOUNT OF FOOD

The food drive was held to celebrate "[Lights on After School](#)," a nationwide celebration of afterschool programs. Over one million Americans take part in the program, which calls attention to the afterschool programs that keep our kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. Tempe's Kid Zone Enrichment Program provides before and after school programs for children in grades K-8 at 18 Tempe and Kyrene schools.

The [Care 7](#) Crisis Response Team was thrilled to be the recipient of the students' hard work. Care 7 is a partnership between the City's Social Services Division, Tempe Fire and Police Departments. The response team is a group of dedicated and professional trained staff and community volunteers that provides 24-hour, on-scene crisis intervention services to Tempe community members experiencing trauma.



SPEND SATURDAYS AT THE LIBRARY WITH UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

Throughout December, the [Tempe Public Library](#) will be hosting free, family-friendly winter events for kids of all ages on Saturday afternoons. No registration is required to attend.

On Saturday, Dec. 8 from 3 – 3:45 p.m., boys and girls ages 6 and younger are invited to an afternoon of storytelling, art, sensory play, song, dance and crafts at [Presents for Birds and Bears with storyteller Carrie Hardee](#).

On Saturday, Dec. 15 from 12 – 4 p.m., teens ages 12 – 18 years old can enjoy [Teen Anime Day](#) complete with Japanese snacks and giveaways.

On Saturday, Dec. 22, families encouraged to attend the [Winter Extraordinaire](#) for seasonal crafts and cookie decorating, as well as some music, movement and stories from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

On Saturday, Dec. 29 from 10:30 – 11 a.m. there will be a [family storytime](#) complete with songs, movement activities and finger plays that encourage early learning. The program aimed for ages 0 – 3, but siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FOOD FOR FINES

While you're at the library celebrating the holiday season, you can also pay your library fines and help a great cause. Throughout December, for every item of non-perishable food you bring to the library, the City of Tempe will take a dollar off your tab for overdue materials. Those who don't have fines will be entered into a drawing for prizes donated by the Friends of the Tempe Public Library. Food will benefit the [Tempe Community Action Agency](#).



Food for Fines

DONATE TO FAMILIES IN NEED AT PYLE'S HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

While doing your holiday shopping, please remember to pick up a toy for the Pyle Holiday Toy Drive for families in need. All new, unwrapped toys, wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and tags will become part of [Tempe Community Action Agency's Holiday Toy Shoppe](#) at IKEA-Tempe, where local parents in need will be able to find gifts for their children. Gift cards donated will be used

to buy gifts for those hard-to-shop-for teenagers. Donations can be dropped off at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#) through Wednesday, Dec. 12. Donors will be recognized for their generosity with a place on the elf wall at Pyle.

DOZENS OF THANKS 12.12.12!

This one is for all of you early risers! Be sure to stop by Ch. 12's Live broadcast on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 5 -7am at the Christmas Tree in Tempe Marketplace (Rio Salado Pkwy and McClintock Dr.). [12 News](#) will be celebrating Dozens of Thanks throughout the Valley.

Bring a blanket or a new, unopened package of socks for the [IHELP](#) Blankets & Socks Drive and receive a free pancake breakfast made especially for you by Tempe Firefighters. Santa will be on-site and kids can make holiday ornaments.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT MILL AVENUE'S NEW CELEBRATION

Mill Avenue in Tempe will be completely open for business this [New Year's Eve](#) – a new twist for the state's most popular place to ring in the new year. Revelers and families are invited to come out for an evening of responsible celebration.



For the first time in many years, there will be no gates around Mill Avenue, no admission fee and no street closures around downtown Tempe on Dec. 31. Area restaurants and nightclubs will be offering entertainment and extended premises for the night. The city and [Downtown Tempe Community](#) are partnering with [Radio Disney](#) for family entertainment from 6 – 9 p.m. on a stage on Seventh Street, west of Mill Avenue. Children's activities and a variety of food trucks also will be in the area. At 10 p.m., the stage will transition to showcasing a local band. Two fireworks shows will light up the night at 9 p.m. and midnight.



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

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| Fri, Dec. 7 | North Pole to New Orleans
6:30 – 9 p.m.
Edna Vihel Center for the Arts
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Tempe History Museum | Sat, Dec. 15 | Teen Anime Day - Ages 12-18
12 – 4 p.m.
Tempe Public Library |
| Sat, Dec. 8 | Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade
6 p.m.
Tempe Town Lake | Fri, Dec. 21 | Lakeshore Jazz Series:
Bob Ravenscroft Christmas Concert
7:30 p.m.
Tempe Center for the Arts |
| Sat, Dec. 8 & 15
Sun, Dec. 9 & 16 | Danish Christmas
at the Peterson House
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sundays, 1 – 4 p.m.
Petersen House Museum | Sat, Dec. 22 | Winter Extraordinaire! All Ages
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tempe Public Library |
| Sat, Dec. 8 | Presents for Birds and Bears
with Storyteller Carrie Hardee
Ages 0-6
3 – 3:45 p.m.
Tempe Public Library
Meeting Room A | Dec. 27 - 29 | Swimming with Santa
1 – 3 p.m.
Kiwanis Recreation Center |
| Mon, Dec. 10 | Winter 2013 Registration Begins
for Tempe Residents | Sat, Dec. 29 | Saturday Storytime - Ages 0-3/families
10:30 – 11 a.m.
Tempe Public Library |
| Mon, Dec. 17 | Winter 2013 Registration Begins
for Non-Tempe Residents | Sat, Dec. 29 | 24th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
8:15 p.m.
Sun Devil Stadium |
| | | Mon, Dec. 31 | Tempe's New Year's Eve Celebration
5 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Mill Avenue |