

July 2017

Summer Slump? We've got you covered with camps, swimming and free events all month long.

Another school-less month and triple digit heat causing a summer slump in your house? You're in luck. July is full of swim activities, unique camps and free events to help you and the kids battle the summer heat – and the [summer slide](#). Check out all that Tempe has to offer this month.



Camps for the aspiring artist

Keep those creative juices flowing all summer long with art and theatre camps, both which are starting in July. Participants in Young Artists Studio will sculpt, paint, draw and create a variety of art pieces, all of which will be displayed in a student exhibition after the camp is complete. Young Actors Theatre develops performing art skills including auditioning, character development and improvisation, all culminating into a final performance at the end of camp.



Both camps are 4-weeks long, cost \$180 and are open to students ages 8-12. Visit www.tempe.gov/summercamps for registration information.

Camps for the budding science whiz



Feed those engineering minds with a science or S.T.E.M. camp. There are three in July including Sensational Science Camp, Introduction to S.T.E.M. with Lego and S.T.E.M. Challenge with Lego. Students will design boats and bridges while exploring physics, biology and chemical reactions.

All three are week-long camps, cost \$130 and are open to students ages 5-12, depending on the camp. Visit www.tempe.gov/summercamps to register.

Cool off and be safe with swim lessons

We can't emphasize this enough. Swim lessons are crucial, especially living in the Valley of the Sun. It's not too late to enroll your kids in swim lessons, or even to take them yourself if you're not a strong swimmer. Tempe Aquatics offers classes for all ages, starting as young as eight months. Classes are affordable, convenient and organized by skill level – each level has a basic focus and prerequisite skills to ensure a solid swimming foundation. To register, visit www.tempe.gov/swim.



Free, kid-friendly events



We've said it all summer long – the library complex is the place to be. The [Tempe Public Library](#) and [Tempe History Museum](#) have amazing summer programs throughout July. The library's [Summer Reading](#) activities include Totally Tempe Tuesdays with cute animals, engineering and Mario Bros crafts in July. Summer readers can also earn badges and win prizes for reading. The museum's [Tempe Time Machine](#) will have robotics demonstrations, a Wild West show and a closer look at drones and cars.

Totally Tempe Tuesdays
Tempe Public Library
3500 S. Rural Rd., 2-4 p.m.

July 11: Wildman Phil and his wildlife
July 18: Engineering and Art
July 25: Mario Bros Made Real

Tempe Time Machine at the Tempe History Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sat., July 8: Az Ghostriders Wild West Show
July 12: RC Drones, Planes and Cars
July 19: CARnival – Games and Prizes
July 26: Arizona Rick – the Balloon Cowboy

McClintock Pool Celebration on July 29: FREE ADMISSION!

Join Mayor Mark Mitchell and Council on Saturday, July 29 to celebrate the grand reopening of [McClintock Pool](#), located at 1830 E. Del Rio Dr. Guests will enjoy FREE admission, along with goodies, cold treats and music. Mayor Mitchell, several councilmembers and guests will take part in a ceremonial “pool jump” to officially mark the pool's reopening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Beginning in mid-July, McClintock Pool will feature morning lap swim and evening open swim several days a week. In August, evening open swim will occur on weekends only. Visit www.tempe.gov/pools for a schedule.



Kid Zone goes to Washington



It's no secret that Tempe's [Kid Zone Enrichment Program](#) is a shining star in before and after school programming here in the Valley. But it's also making a nationwide impact. Kid Zone Supervisor Jeremy King took a trip to Capitol Hill last month, representing all of Arizona as ambassador to the [Afterschool Alliance](#). The goal of the alliance is to bring legislative attention to the achievements and important community benefits of programs like Kid Zone.

"Quality afterschool programs are uniquely positioned to support working families, school day learning, and to fill in gaps in social skills and workforce development," Jeremy said. "My job with the Afterschool Alliance is to showcase the need and the value of programs like Kid Zone."

Kid Zone has a national reputation for being a high quality afterschool program. As a result, Jeremy has a dual ambassador role, both as an advocate and as a teacher. He has trained the staff members of more than 100 programs across the country, showing them how to improve their programs to Kid Zone caliber. He will also help coordinate two events this year aimed at showcasing programs to the community, funders and legislators. For more information, visit www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Community Services: Behind the lens



Mayor Mark Mitchell stopped by the library on Totally Tempe Tuesday to read a story, and share some apples courtesy of the Fresh Express, and take part in [Step's Junk Funk](#).



Library director Kathy Husser on the PBS news show Horizon discussing the "summer slide".



Fox 10 news at the Tempe History Museum for a live morning show segment featuring fun, free and inexpensive things to do in Tempe during the summer.



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