

June 2018

## Beat the Heat with Affordable Family Fun

With summer quickly approaching and temperatures starting to rise, Tempe's got fun (and often free!) ways to keep cool this season. This issue explores some of the great spaces and activities offered throughout the city to help you and your family beat the heat in Tempe!



### MAKE A SPLASH

We've got seven ways to help you and your family stay cool and beat the heat in Tempe – one brand new, state-of-the-art splash playground (opening June 16), three neighborhood splash pads, two outdoor swimming pools and one indoor wave pool!

Located in the heart of Tempe, Kiwanis Park will be home to Tempe's newest aquatic facility, [The Cloud](#). Beginning Saturday, June 16, children of all ages will be able to splash around and cool off from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily.



The one-of-a-kind "cloud" structure will provide interactive water play with lighting and sound as well as shade. The surface is bursting with water loops, jelly sticks, water pillars and misting sprays that will keep you cool throughout the summer.

For those that want to stay dry, listen to the laughter and watch the splash play fun; seating has been

integrated into the area. Encircling the perimeter of The Cloud is a dry zone that provides accessible seating. Picnic tables and a grass berm also offer spectator-friendly viewing and an ideal spot for a picnic.

Join us for a Grand Opening celebration from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/KiwanisSplashPlayground](http://www.tempe.gov/KiwanisSplashPlayground).

## MAKE A SPLASH (CONTINUED)

Tempe's three [Neighborhood Splash Pads](#) are filled with play equipment, water buckets and spray features. Perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off, splash pads can be found at Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee parks. Admission is free. The spray pads are open daily from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.



Chill out at [Escalante and McClintock Outdoor Pools](#) this summer. The Escalante Pool features lanes for lap swimming and a zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment and a slide. McClintock Pool is the city's only diving pool featuring two boards and lanes for lap swimming. Admission at either pool is \$.75 for youth ages 6-17 yrs., \$1.25 for adults 18+ and tots 5 and under are free. More info at [www.tempe.gov/pools](http://www.tempe.gov/pools).

Catch a wave at [Kiwanis Wave Pool](#). The indoor heated pool features 3' waves in varying patterns. It also has lanes for lap swimming, zero-depth entry and a 127' long and 15' tall double spiral water slide and splash-down pool. Wave pool admission is \$5 for youth ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older. Waves are rolling from 1 – 5 p.m. daily. Season passes are available.

## COOK UP SOME FUN THIS SUMMER



Tempe's [summer camps](#) allow kids to experience theater, art, cooking, sports, STEM, foreign languages, field trips and much more – all while having fun! Full-day, part-time and week-long camps are available.

Kid Zone summer enrichment programs are for kids in Kindergarten to 8th grade. All campers will enjoy age-appropriate curriculum, field trips and daily enrichment classes that include Spanish, STEM, nutrition, science, arts and sports activities.

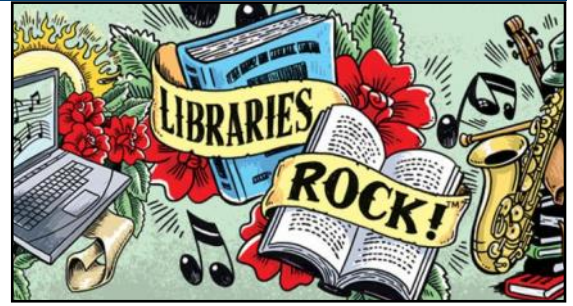
Young scientists, technicians, engineers, artists and mathematicians will love spending their summer break exploring the world of STEAM. Tempe's STEAM camps encourage learning through fun projects like robotics, Legos® and movie making.

Art and theater programs allow young artists to participate in weekly camps offering drama, dance, music, painting, drawing, sculpting and more! Camp will conclude with a performance and exhibit showcasing what the students have learned. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) or call 480-350-5200 to register.

## READING ROCKS

Avoid the “summer slide” and keep the whole family connected with the Tempe Public Library’s [Summer Reading](#) program, which kicks off June 1.

This year’s theme is all about how libraries rock. Students can participate in theme-related activities, earn prizes and enter drawings while keeping those summer minds sharp and entertained.



Join us from 2 – 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5 on the lower level of the library for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party. Guests can sign up for Summer Reading and take part in crafts, games, activities and scavenger hunts that are tied to the theme “Animal Crossing Made Real”.

[Totally Tempe Tuesdays](#) will continue every Tuesday in June and July at 2 p.m., and will feature fun themes this year including musical moves, a dance party, STEAM sessions and the first-ever Tempe Talent Show.

## TEMPE TIME MACHINE

The [Tempe Time Machine](#) has arrived at the [Tempe History Museum](#) for the summer. In conjunction with the Humans of Tempe exhibit, families will learn about a variety of cultures, customs and interests to show that although we may be different, we’re all part of the same community. There will be hands-on crafts, interactive activities, stories, performances and demonstrations.

The program runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. every Wednesday, as well as the second Saturday in June and July. It is free to attend.



## GET YOUR GLOW ON

Join us for the wildest and brightest paddles on Tempe Town Lake on June 15 and 29 as well as July 13 and 27 from 7:30 –9:30 p.m. Glow Paddles are open to ages 10+ (youth ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

All kayaking equipment is provided, as well as glow-in-the-dark accessories. Space is limited. Visit [www.tempe.gov/boating](http://www.tempe.gov/boating) for more information.

## SWING BY FOR A GOOD TIME

Whether you're looking to enhance your batting skills or are seeking a fun day out with the family, the [Kiwanis Park Batting Range](#) offers the perfect destination to have a swinging good time.



The recently renovated

Kiwanis Park Batting Range features 10 cages with varying speeds of softball and baseball pitching, from slow-pitch to 75 mph baseball. Equipment includes a Select-A-Pitch fast-pitch softball machine and three baseball machines where you can choose your speed. Tokens are \$1.25 each for one game of 14 pitches.

Summer hours, beginning June 1st, will be 5 – 9 p.m. daily. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/BattingRange](http://www.tempe.gov/BattingRange) or call 480-350-5727.

## GET YOUR (FREE) RIDE



The [Tempe Youth Transit Pass](#) program allows youth ages 6-to-18 years old who live in Tempe to ride all [Valley Metro](#) bus routes and the METRO light rail – free! The new passes are valid July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

It's simple to get one. A parent or guardian must accompany all youth under 18 years old. Bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering.

Passes are available at the Tempe Transit Store, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Special Saturday registration will occur June 30 and August 4, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tempe Transit Store.

## FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH THIS SUMMER

Tempe children 18 years and under have access to free meals through Summer Lunch Buddies, which is Arizona's campaign for the national Summer Food Service Program. There are no applications or eligibility requirements.



Teens and kids simply show up at the closest location during meal time. Tempe locations include Escalante Community Center, Aguilar Elementary, Broadmor Elementary, Connolly Middle School, Getz Elementary, Holdeman Elementary, Hudson Elementary and Meyer Elementary. Visit [www.eatwellbewell.org/summerfood](http://www.eatwellbewell.org/summerfood) or text FOOD to 877877 for addresses and meal times.

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT TEMPE TOWN LAKE

Celebrate Independence Day by being front and center for one of the largest fireworks displays in Arizona. Tickets go on sale Monday, June 4 for the annual FOX 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival.

Enjoy live local entertainment, kids' activities, games, inflatables and rock-climbing walls.

The fireworks show will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to a variety of popular music.

Gates open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 at Tempe Beach Park .



Tickets can be purchased at several city facilities for \$7. Please visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) or call 480-350-4311 for additional ticket options and purchase locations.

