

July 2018

Let the Summer Adventures Continue



It's true, the lazy days of summer are limited, but there's still plenty of time to try a new activity. We've got lots of great options to keep the whole family entertained and having fun.

Below is a preview of some of the classes and camps to check out this month.

Tots

Tots ages 5 and under will have fun exploring their creative side in the *Messy Art for Minis* and *Creative Painting* programs. Storytime is reinvented in *Preschool Robotics*, as participants will build and program developmentally-appropriate tot bots to accompany the story. Little sports fans will learn the fundamentals of the game in *Mini All-Stars*, *Mini Flag Football*, and *Pee Wee Indoor Golf*.



Youth

Young marine biologists will dive-in and discover the secrets of the deep sea, while exploring the chemistry of coral reefs in our *Oceanography* STEM Camp. Aspiring fashion designers can enhance essential sewing skills in *Youth Sewing 2*. Golfers of all skill levels learn fundamentals of golf such as putting, chipping, and etiquette in *Junior Golf*. Students ages 5-12 years old expand their creative side in our *Performing Arts Camp* and *Young Artist Studio*.

Teens

Escalante's Teen Adventure Series has two exciting events planned for July. Bowling, laser tag, gravity ropes, arcade games and pizza at Main Event on July 13 and trampolines, tumbling, parkour and more at Kids That Rip (KTR) on July 20. Paddling programs are a great way to explore Tempe Town Lake, check out *Junior Rowing*, *Youth Kayaking* and *Youth Stand-Up Paddling*.



SUMMER ADVENTURES (CONTINUED)

Adults

Looking for a new and exciting way to get fit? Try one of our specialty classes like *Erg Fitness*, *Intro to Boxing Fitness*, *Jujutsu* and *Aquatics High Intensity Interval Training (H.I.T.T.)*. Chef Monica O'Brien will teach foodies how to create *Take-Out Favorites* and *Sensational Sandwiches* in her July cooking demonstrations.



Adults 50+

Make new friends while enjoying monthly social activities including *Bingo*, *Bunco* and lunches, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center and the Escalante, North Tempe and Cahill Senior Centers. A variety of health and fitness classes, like *Chair Fit and Fabulous* and *Eat Smart, Live Strong* will be held in July for adults 50+.

Adapted Rec

The Friday Night Social Activities are designed for ages 13 years and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Enjoy *Movie Night* on July 6, dance the night away at the *Fabulous Friday Social Dance* on July 13 and sing your heart out at *Karaoke Night* on Aug. 3. Tempe's *Buddy Bowling Unified Bowling League* begins July 14.



Swim Lessons

Swimmers of all ages looking to learn how to swim or brush-up on their technique can find just the right lesson in Tempe. Children as young as 8-months-old can learn to swim in parent-assisted lessons and little swimmers ages 3 and older who are ready to learn independently can participate in *Swim School* or *Stroke School Lessons*. Lessons are also available for adults of all skill levels.



Families

Want a fun adventure for the whole family? Glow and glide across Tempe Town Lake in one of the *Glow Paddles* offered this month. Cool off in open swim at Escalante and McClintock outdoor pools. Hone your skills and improve your aim in *Archery 101*, while enjoying the air-conditioned indoor range.

Looking for more options? Hop on www.tempe.gov/brochure to find more programs starting this month.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON



More than 20 Tempe children took part in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson (WLSL) last month, where they learned basic swimming techniques and water safety skills at the Escalante Multi-Generational Center. Since 2010, local aquatic facilities, waterparks, pools and swim schools have hosted WLSL events the world over. To date, more than 236,000 children and adults have participated in more than 20 countries.

It is essential for children the Valley to learn swim skills. In 2016, Arizona saw a 25 percent increase in the number of child drownings, according to the USA Swimming Foundation. The tools provided by WLSL events, and continued swim lessons, are vital to water safety.

To register for swim lessons, visit www.tempe.gov/swim. For more info on the WLSL, visit www.wsl.org.

THE CLOUD AT KIWANIS NOW OPEN

Now you can sing in the rain every day at Kiwanis Park! Tempe's newest aquatics feature, [The Cloud at Kiwanis Park](#), is open daily from 8 a.m.–10 p.m. through October. Located next to the north soccer field off Baseline Road, The Cloud is a huge shaded splash playground with water loops, jelly sticks, misting sprays and pillars.

Every 12 minutes a thunderstorm sequence overtakes the splash playground, creating a rainforest vibe right in the middle of the desert. The Cloud is free to use and has plenty of seating for parents and caregivers. For more info, visit www.tempe.gov/KiwanisSplashPlayground.

Tempe also has three [Neighborhood Splash Pads](#) that 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. Open daily from 8 a.m.–10 p.m.



COOL OFF FOR FREE AT THE TEMPE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The Tempe Community Complex has plenty of cool summer fun all month long. The Tempe Public Library's [Summer Reading](#) program is well underway, offering readers of all ages a way to win prizes for reading and participating in free activities. July's Totally Tempe Tuesdays activities include a dance party, hula demonstrations and a STEAM class. Visit www.tempe.gov/SummerReading for more info and to register.



The [Tempe Time Machine](#) at the Tempe History Museum takes place every Wednesday in July and on Saturday, July 14. This summer enrichment program has hands-on crafts, interactive activities, stories, games, live performances and demonstrations. The program runs from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. with live demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. This year's time machine theme is [Humans of Tempe](#), as part of the museum's feature exhibit. Visit www.tempe.gov/TimeMachine for more info.

BEAT THE HEAT CONTEST

Win wave pool passes by showing us how you Beat the Heat this summer! Post a photo of you, family or friends enjoying a Tempe aquatics facility now through July 22 and you'll be entered in a drawing for a single pass to Kiwanis Wave Pool. Post your pics to [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with #beattheheattempe and make sure to tag your location.



TEMPE GETS READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

The 2018-19 school year is right around the corner and the City of Tempe has once again teamed up with our local schools to provide tips and information on student safety, educational resources, transportation options and opportunities to get involved in the community. Visit www.tempe.gov/BacktoSchool for more information.

KID ZONE OFFERS EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

Five schools in the City of Tempe's Kid Zone program are the first to be awarded full accreditation status from the [Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence](#) (AzCASE). The newly accredited schools are: Aguilar, Fuller, Kyrene de los Ninos, Waggoner and Wood elementary schools. Kid Zone will begin the accreditation process this fall for its 11 remaining Tempe schools.

Kid Zone offers a safe and structured environment for students to spend their out-of-school hours. Programs conveniently operate on-site at Tempe schools, so students can travel between their classroom and Kid Zone without ever leaving campus.

Curriculum includes STEM programs, cooking and nutrition, sports activities, arts, crafts and Homework Club. The program is DHS-licensed, DES-certified, and offers low staff-to-student ratios. Flexible schedule options and scholarships for qualified families make Kid Zone one of the most affordable options for quality before and after school care. Visit www.tempe.gov/KidZone or call 480.350.5405 for more information.



GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Escalante's early education program offers a variety of structured educational activities for tots 2-5 years old. Curriculum focuses on the development of social, motor and cognitive skills in a fun, safe and active environment. Registration is open. Call 480.350.5814 or visit www.Tempe.gov/Escalante for more details.



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