

October 2018

Can't-Miss Fall Events for Family Fun



Cooler weather and several cool events are on the horizon now that fall is here. Tempe offers a wide array of fun and free fall events! From movies to pumpkin painting, Halloween carnivals to a book festival, Tempe has got you covered with plenty to do for the whole family!



FREE FAMILY MOVIE SERIES RETURNS

Round-up the gang and head over to Kiwanis Park to watch a great family-friendly movie under the stars. Tempe's free family movie series, [Movies in the Park](#), returns this October with three fantastic flicks starting Friday, Oct. 5.

Each movie begins at dusk (approximately 6 p.m.) on the north soccer field at Kiwanis Park, Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave. (just west of Mill Ave.). The movies series is currently in its 41st season and has some awesome movies scheduled to round out the month!



Oct. 5- Peter Rabbit (PG)

Oct. 12- Ratatouille (G)

Oct. 19 - Cars 3 (G)

SPOOKTACULAR FUN AT HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Join us for a bewitching good time at [Tempe's 41st Annual Family Halloween Carnival](#) under the bright lights of the [Kiwanis Park Softball Complex](#), 5805 S. All-America Way.



Admission to the event is free. Your goblins and ghouls will enjoy carnival-style games, inflatable bounce houses and slides, train rides, Tot Town, food booths and more.

Tickets for attractions, games and food booths can be purchased for 25 cents apiece. Most activities require 3-4 tickets. Booths are operated by local non-profits and civic groups as a fundraiser.

Bring the whole family and don't forget to dress up for the costume contest for your chance to win fabulous prizes.

ADAPTED REC FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

[Tempe's Adapted Recreation program](#) offers social activities the first and second Friday evenings of the month for individuals with developmental disabilities, ages 13 years and older. Mark your calendar for a fun flick at Movie Night on Friday, Oct. 5. Then dress up for the Halloween-themed Fabulous Friday Night Dance on Friday, Oct. 12.



HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

The 2018 [Tardeada](#) marks the City of Tempe's 20th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. A tardeada is a social dance that is traditionally held on Sunday afternoons; this year's event will be held from noon-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Tempe Community Center Complex, located on the southwest corner of Rural Rd. and Southern Ave.

The event features many free activities such as live entertainment, dancing, arts and crafts, face painting, inflatables, The Game Truck, and the Tempe History Museum's Family Albums exhibit. Vendors sell delicious food at family-friendly prices.

FALL BREAK CAMPS

Looking for something to do over fall break? Check out the camps offered by the City of Tempe that will keep your students active and having fun while on break from school, including the [Kid Zone Enrichment Program's](#) Fall Break Camp, Young Artist Studio Camp and Performing Arts Camp. Register at www.tempe.gov/brochure.



STAR WARS MADE REAL

Help bring the Star Wars spirit from "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away" to life at Star Wars Made Real from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the [Tempe Public Library](#). The galactic event inspired by the Star Wars universe includes activities, games and crafts. Registration is not required.



GET YOUR GLOW ON!

Make your next family outing one the kids will always remember. Take them to the wildest and brightest paddles on Tempe Town Lake on October 12 and 26 from 7-9 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. No experience is necessary. Space is limited. Visit www.tempe.gov/boating for more information.

FALL EVENTS AT ESCALANTE

Looking for a fun and interactive activity for you and your child to participate in this fall? Check out Fall Fiestas, a series of pay-as-you-go classes for preschoolers and their caregivers at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#). These classes teach fun facts about upcoming holidays while providing crafts and treats. *Spooky Fun* will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The fee is \$3 per adult/child pairing.



Gear up for the fall season with the Pumpkin Painting and Carving Extravaganzas at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#). Children ages 6 to 8 years-old can participate in creative pumpkin painting and decorating from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Youth ages 9 to 12 years-old can stop by for pumpkin carving from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. Call 480.350.5800 to register by Oct. 12.

The fun continues at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#) and Thew Elementary School's Fall Festival from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Escalante Park. This event will feature arts and crafts, carnival style games, costume contests and more! Wristbands for the event are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.



SPOOKY PORTRAITS

You don't want to miss *Spooky Portraits* at the [Tempe History Museum](#), which runs from October 4 through November 4. This seasonal exhibit features a gallery of distorted historic portraits manipulated by the sinister hands of some Mesa Community College Photoshop students. Venture into the center of the museum's exhibit hall, if you dare. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/MuseumExhibits.

KEEP COOL THIS FALL

You have the whole month of October to cool off at Tempe's splash playground and three splash pads. All four are open daily from 8 a.m.–10 p.m. and admission is free. They will close for the season on Sunday, Nov. 4. For more information visit www.tempe.gov/pools.

The Kids Swim Free promotion is going on at Kiwanis. Up to two children, 10-years-old and younger, receive free entry with each paid adult admission (\$4). The midday session is from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., evening session is from 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The program runs through Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis.



PYLE ARTS AND CRAFTS BOUTIQUE

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the annual [Pyle Arts & Crafts Boutique](#). More than 50 vendors will be on-site with unique, handcrafted items. Stop by from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. Food trucks will be on-site.



FREE ART FRIDAY

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to create art and learn through artistic expression at [Free Art Friday's](#) Magic and Myths from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 at the [Edna Vihel Arts Center](#). The event features themed, educational projects and crafts. Light refreshments are provided.

FREE MOVIES AT TEMPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Join us for the kick-off of Movies on the Edge, a free movie series at the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#) (TCA). The new program begins with the showing of the 1974 Mel Brooks Classic *Young Frankenstein* from 5-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. There will be live music and a local craft beer garden.

Then, on Saturday, Nov. 3, the 1993 Tim Burton film *Nightmare Before Christmas* will be shown in the Gallery at TCA. Wear your cozy pajamas! There will be live music in the lobby and a meet-and-greet with stop-motion animator Rich Zim.



MONSTER SHOWCASE

The *Monster Stories* exhibition celebrates the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, by exploring the monster genre in popular culture, literature, mythology and more. It can be viewed at the Gallery at TCA inside the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#) through January 2019.

The *Monster Lab Arts & Sciences Family Workshop* will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. The free event features DIY robotics, printmaking demonstrations and a last chance to wear your favorite Halloween costume.

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY

Get a head start on your Trick-or-Treating from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the [Tempe Public Library](#). Little ones are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costumes and participate in fun activities throughout the library. The event is free.



FREE MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM THIS FALL

The Tempe History Museum's popular Performances at the Museum series returns this fall with a fantastic lineup of local musicians who will perform live. These shows are free and family-friendly, showcasing a variety of musical genres and local talent. Most performances begin at 7 p.m. Visit www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents to see the full schedule.

TEMPE BOOK FESTIVAL



The [Tempe Public Library](#) is hosting a fall book festival that will feature more than 50 local authors, book sellers, and publishers from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Families can meet their favorite local authors, browse book selections, take part in arts and crafts, and more.

Best-selling author Sue Halpern will be the special guest at this year's event. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/BookFestival.

ASU HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar for ASU Homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 3 and cheer on the Sun Devils. Festivities run throughout the weekend. Be sure to stop by the City of Tempe's booth along the parade route before the Sun Devils take on the Utah Utes!



REC PLAYMAKER: JORDAN WRIGHT

The City of Tempe Adapted Recreation program fosters an environment of peer support as well as personal development for participants.

Jordan Wright, recipient of the 2018 Mayor's Disability Award, has been active in Tempe's programs for the past five years and Special Olympics for eight. He is involved in every sport imaginable –bowling, swimming, golf, soccer, basketball, powerlifting, volleyball, track and field, and baseball. Jordan's mother, Amanda, recalls that he was hesitant to start playing sports. Despite being in a completely new environment, it wasn't long before Jordan jumped right in.

Jordan participated in the Special Olympics USA Games in July 2018 held in Seattle. He was one of seven participants on Team AZ for Track & Field.

"(Participating in the USA Games) really helped him understand what his body needed," Amanda, said. "He was in his element –he just wanted to be with his friends and doing his event. It was his happy place."

In addition to playing sports, Wright keeps busy with many other hobbies, including Zumba, rock climbing, volunteering, bingo and traveling. It's clear that a strong and supportive community contributed to Jordan's personal growth.

"He's met people and mentors, and we've met a community of people that is helping him in ways that one family can't," Amanda said. "His world has grown, and this has brought him more growth and development than I have ever anticipated." Click [here](#) to read the full story.



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www.tempe.gov/recreation