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## TEMPE GOES BACK TO SCHOOL



In Tempe, school begins the first week of August. For parents and students, this approaching date is a reminder to meet teachers, shop for school supplies and begin getting into a regular routine so that the first day and the fall semester are successful.

“Tempe looks forward to our students returning for another year of learning,” said Mayor Mark Mitchell. “We offer resources and opportunities to help each of our students be successful in and out of the classroom.”

Students from kindergarten through graduate school can access tips and information on student safety, educational resources, transportation options and integration opportunities with the community at large, by visiting the Tempe Goes Back to School web page at [www.Tempe.gov/BacktoSchool](http://www.Tempe.gov/BacktoSchool).

Families can learn about Kid Zone’s before and after school enrichment programs. Students can find out how to obtain a Youth Transit Pass. Those looking to get involved in their community can find a number of volunteer opportunities. And all students can find out about online homework and research tools available through the Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum.

For those not jumping back into the school year routine, this approaching date is a reminder to keep conscious of school zones, school buses and children using crosswalks.

### Back-to-School Start Dates:

[Kyrene School District](#)  
August 6

[Tempe Union High School District](#)  
August 6

[Tempe Elementary School District](#)  
August 7

[Arizona State University](#)  
August 23



## LIBRARY CARDS ARE GOOD FOR MORE THAN CHECKING OUT BOOKS

For many students, back-to-school time means back-to-homework time. But with the help of a library card, students can turn stressful assignments into A+ papers!

The [Tempe Public Library](#) offers many great resources in-person and online

to help students and their parents get through the school year smoothly. In addition to having shelves full of books, the library also has study rooms, public access computers and online databases, all available with a [Tempe Public Library card](#).



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[Homework Help](#) is an online resource available for all students with Tempe library cards and offers research and reference materials, testing tips and more. For those getting ready for college, the library also offers [College Resources](#) for

teens, which features practice entrance exams, information on universities and scholarship and financial aid resources.

And of course, you can still use your library card to check out books!

[The youth library](#) offers a wide variety of book selections, children's reading areas, family computing commons and a teen area.

## KID ZONE OFFERS EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT ALL YEAR LONG

When the bell rings, many students run home from a fulfilling and educational day at school, only to find themselves sitting in front of the television. But at Kid Zone, students find themselves in an active and social after-school alternative, playing games, interacting with friends and working on homework.

Kid Zone Before and After School [programs](#) offer a safe and structured environment for Tempe students. These programs operate at 17 Tempe and Kyrene schools, so students can conveniently travel between their classroom and Kid Zone without ever leaving campus. Once students arrive, they have daily homework time where assistance is provided from experienced, educated and dedicated Kid Zone teachers. Students can also spend time with friends playing games and participating in structured and un-structured activities.

In addition to offering out-of-school programming, Kid Zone has its very own [preschool program](#) available for children 2 years through Pre-Kindergarten. Located at Getz School, Kid Zone

Preschool gives parents the opportunity to provide their children with early childhood learning and development. Full and part-time schedules are available.

[Kid Zone](#) is a City of Tempe program licensed by the Department of Health Services. It is a dynamic community response to changing lifestyles and needs of families in Tempe. The goal of the program is to address the increased number of children needing a safe, enriching place to be in out-of-school time. This is accomplished through before and after school programming as well as camps during school breaks. This summer, nearly 700 students participated in Kid Zone Summer Camps, enjoying sports, science lessons, cooking classes, swimming, bowling and field trips.

Registration for fall programs is occurring now. To learn more, visit [www.tempe.gov/kidzone](http://www.tempe.gov/kidzone) or call (480) 350-5400.



## SET SAIL AFTER SUNDOWN— MOONLIGHT PADDLE ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE

If your evenings with friends start to become the same old thing or you can't stand the thought of another dinner-and-movie date night, try spending an adventurous evening on Tempe Town Lake!

Grab your favorite people, jump in a kayak and enjoy a cool evening during a Moonlight Paddle. No experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided. Bring a towel, wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and meet at the [Tempe Town Lake Marina](#). Be sure to [register](#) in advance for these events, as they fill up fast! Registration begins Monday, Aug. 13. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/boating](http://www.tempe.gov/boating) or call (480) 350-8069.

Upcoming Moonlight Paddles: Saturday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 27.





## CHILDREN'S STORY TIME AT TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

While older students go back to school, younger children can come and learn with their parents in the Storytime Castle at the [Tempe Public Library](#)!

The library hosts three different story times where children and their parents can enjoy listening to fun stories, singing songs, dancing and doing crafts.

Perfect for parents and babies up through age two, **Baby Story Time** provides songs, rhymes, movement activities and finger plays that encourage early learning. For those three and up, **Preschool Story Time** will have children listening to fun stories, singing songs, dancing and doing crafts with their parents. **Saturday Story Time**, held the last Saturday of every month, is the place for families to come and learn together!

For a full line-up of story time dates or more information on children's programming at the Tempe Public Library, visit [www.tempe.gov/youthlibrary](http://www.tempe.gov/youthlibrary).

## THRILLING END-OF-SUMMER TRIP FOR TEENS

The Escalante Teen magic Mountain Trip is scheduled for Thursday, Aug 2. Teens 13 to 18 years old are welcome to join some of the Escalante Multigenerational Center staff on the annual one-day turn around trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain. The cost of the trip is \$85 and includes park admission ticket and transportation to and from Magic Mountain. For more information and to register, call the [Escalante Multigenerational Center](#) at (480) 350-5800.



## BEAT THE HEAT WAVE BY RIDING THE WAVES

You don't have to visit the beach to get out of the heat or catch some waves. Now through September 3, [Kiwanis Wave Pool](#) will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 5 p.m. Bring the whole family to cool down and spend your weekend afternoons together!

Two special weekend wave sessions will be held in the month of August. Enjoy discounts on admission by participating in these fun theme days.



### Sunday, Aug. 12: Boy Scout's Day

Boy Scouts and Troop Leaders can get one free admission when wearing their uniform or Boy Scout shirt to Kiwanis Wave Pool.

### Sunday, Aug. 26: Grandparents' Day

Celebrate your grandparents by bringing them for a fun day at Kiwanis Wave Pool! All Grandparents will get in free with a paid grandchild's admission.

You can also cool off at the [Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park](#) or in [Escalante Pool](#), which will both remain open on weekends through Labor Day. [Neighborhood Spray Pads](#) will remain open daily through the end of October.

## FALL REGISTRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

With the summer months coming to an end, fall classes will soon be in full swing here in Tempe! Whether you're looking to find that ideal after-school interest for your child or want a new learning opportunity for yourself, Tempe has the perfect class or activity for all ages and stages. Be sure to view the brochure [online](#) or pick up a copy beginning Wednesday, August 1.

**Monday, August 13** – Registration begins for Tempe residents.

**Monday, August 20** – Registration begins for Non-Tempe residents.

Fall Classes begin the week of September 4.

# BACK TO SCHOOL READING FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Thousands of experienced adults across the country are working to make a difference in their communities through the [AARP Experience Corps](#) Program. If you are an adult over the age of 50, learn how you can join them! Attend an AARP Experience Corps information session at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8 or Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the [Tempe Public Library Connections Café](#).

[Experience Corps](#) volunteers work in seven local Tempe elementary schools, providing one-on-one early literacy



tutoring to children in first through third grade. Comprehensive training, excellent support services and orientation will be provided for volunteers, who are being recruited year-round. For more information on the information session or Tempe's AARP Experience Corps program, contact Peggy Goldberg at (480) 858-2465.



# SPEND YOUR SATURDAY AFTERNOONS WATCHING CLASSIC CARTOONS



Cool off and watch an animated flick during your weekend summer afternoons! Enjoy a presentation of a classic Disney film each Saturday in August at 2 p.m. at the [Tempe History Museum](#)

These classic Disney cartoons were once popular in the 1940s through the 1980s. Bring your kids to [Movies at the Museum](#) to experience these timeless animated films.

**August 4:** Fun and Fancy Free (1947)  
**August 11:** Lady and the Tramp (1955)  
**August 18:** The Sword in the Stone (1963)  
**August 25:** The Great Mouse Detective (1986)



# THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND...

The more students know about their transit system and alternative modes of transportation, the wiser their transit choices will be. The choices are easier to

make in Tempe with many options and the free [Tempe Youth Transit Pass!](#)

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro [bus routes](#) and the [METRO light rail](#) free. The new passes are valid until June 30, 2013.

Special on-site registration will be held at the [Tempe Public Library](#), on Aug. 18 from

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free passes are also available at the [Tempe Transit Store](#), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for this program. For more information, including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at (480) 858-2350 or [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).



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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| <b>Tue, Jul. 31</b>  | <b>Escalante Back to School Celebration</b><br>5 – 6:30 p.m.<br><a href="#">Escalante Community Center</a>                       | <b>Thurs, Aug. 9</b> | <b>Veterans Coffee Hour</b><br>10 – 11:30 a.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe Public Library Connections Café</a>                        |
| <b>Tue, Jul. 31</b>  | <b><a href="#">Tempe Idol Semi-Finals</a></b><br>6:30 – 9:30 p.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe Center for the Arts</a>                   | <b>Fri, Aug. 10</b>  | <b><a href="#">Adapted Recreation Fabulous Friday Dance</a></b><br>6:30 – 9 p.m.<br><a href="#">Edna Vihel Center</a>          |
| <b>Fri, Aug. 3</b>   | <b><a href="#">Moonlight Paddle</a></b><br>8 – 10 p.m.<br><a href="#">SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina</a>                             | <b>Sat, Aug. 11</b>  | <b><a href="#">Tempe Library E-Reader Class</a></b><br>Meeting Room B<br>2 – 3:30 p.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe Public Library</a> |
| <b>Sat, Aug. 4</b>   | <b><a href="#">Free Art Workshops:</a></b><br>Family Role Reversal<br>Noon – 4 p.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe Center for the Arts</a> | <b>Sat, Aug. 11</b>  | <b><a href="#">Movies at the Museum:</a></b><br>Lady and the Tramp<br>2 p.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe History Museum</a>           |
| <b>Sat, Aug. 4</b>   | <b><a href="#">Movies at the Museum:</a></b><br>Fun & Fancy Free<br>2 p.m.<br><a href="#">Tempe History Museum</a>               | <b>Mon, Aug. 13</b>  | <b><a href="#">Fall Registration Begins for Tempe Residents</a></b>  |
| <b>Thurs, Aug. 9</b> | <b><a href="#">Fall Brochure Available Online</a></b>  |                      |  |