

Cool Off with Tempe's Affordable Family Fun: Top 10 free and affordable things to do this summer

Tempe has plenty of activities that are perfect for keeping your family members cool and entertained this summer - without breaking the bank! We've lined up a list of the top 10 affordable or free summer activities you'll find in our fabulous city.

BEAT THE HEAT IN TEMPE

Tempe has lots of great ways for you and your family to beat the triple digit heat seven days a week! Enjoy outdoor fun at the Escalante Pool and ride the waves at the Kiwanis Recreation Center's Wave Pool. Tempe's three neighborhood spray pads at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson Parks will continue to operate on a daily basis. Visit www.Tempe.gov/Pool for more information.



SUMMER READING – EXERCISE YOUR MIND!



Summer Reading Program June 1 - August 1

Totally Tempe Tuesdays

Tuesday afternoons, the Youth Library, Tempe Recreation, Kid Zone, and partners will feature fun and educational events for the entire family.

Adult Summer Reading

Challenge yourself to a healthy mind and body. Join us for reading challenges, a book club, urban farming classes and more!

www.tempe.gov/summerreading

The City of Tempe's summer reading program continues through August 1. Challenge yourself to a healthy mind and body and join us for reading and much more. The Tempe Youth Library, Tempe Recreation, Kid Zone and community partners will host free fun and educational events for the whole family during Totally Tempe Tuesdays. Join us from 2–4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 and 26.

July 5 – Exercise Your Soul with Wellness

Explore your zen side and come color with us! We'll listen to audiobooks while practicing mindfulness and enjoying coloring sheets for all levels

July 12 – Exercise Your Soul with Laughter

2 p.m. Ronald McDonald performance

3 p.m. Off the Cuff, a local improv group, will perform

July 19 – Exercise Your Body with Fitness

2 p.m. Local author and Caldecott Award Honor Recipient Molly Idle will share an illustration demonstration, as well as her fantastic children's books

3 p.m. Local yogi Eden Peterson will lead a class on beginning yoga and on the benefits of yoga for the family

July 26 – Exercise Your Mind, Body and Soul

Celebrate the end of a successful summer of reading with a literacy obstacle course, alphabet crafts and a spelling bee. Participate in a sports mania program and

Wildman Phil will educate on all of his amazing animals

For a full list of events and descriptions, visit www.tempe.gov/summerreading

STAY SAFE AND LEARN TO SWIM

Tempe offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels, whether you're looking to introduce your child to the water for the first time or need a refresher course on swimming skills.

A variety of lessons are offered at convenient times throughout the week at both the Escalante

outdoor pool and Kiwanis indoor pool. Most programs include 6 to 8 lessons. Prices begin as low as \$21 at Escalante and \$38 at Kiwanis.

Dive into the *Aquatics* section of the Tempe Opportunities brochure at www.Tempe.gov/Brochure for a complete schedule of lessons.



TEMPE TIME MACHINE



This summer, travel back in time and see what Tempe was like nearly fifty years ago. The Tempe Time Machine portal will take you back to 1963 – 1983 when Tempe kids spent their summers at Legend City amusement park.

The free, family-friendly program includes hands-on crafts, fun interactives and special performances all inspired by the featured exhibit, Legend City. Attendees will learn magic tricks

at Western Magic with Gary Lazok (July 6) and how to lasso with the Roping Reynosos (July 13). The program will conclude with a Carnival Day (July 27).

Tempe Time Machine will be held from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 as well as Saturday, July 9. Visit www.tempe.gov/museum for more information.



GLOW PADDLES

There are so many great ways to experience Tempe Town Lake – from rowing, sculling and Stand-Up Paddleboarding during the day to special event paddles by moonlight – we got an adventure waiting for you. Join us from 7:30–9:30 p.m. on July 9 for our Glow Paddle and from 7:30–9:30 p.m. on July 22 for Moonlight Kayak.

No experience is required and we provide all of the necessary kayaking equipment, including glow-in-the-dark accessories for the Glow Paddles. For more information on paddling or other boating activities, visit www.tempe.gov/boating or call 480-350-5200.



TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Learn a new skill or pursue a hobby this summer with one of Tempe's special interest classes. Book Hype provides teens with the opportunity to read, review and nominate titles for the annual Teens' Top Ten List that goes live for a public vote during Teen Read Week every year in October. Not

only do you get to read and discuss recently published books with fellow readers, you will also have exclusive access to books not yet published.

For teens interested in coding, check out the Code Club where you can learn how to make computer games

and websites without any experience. If you're interested in video games, participate in Game On! where you can relax with your fellow teens for two hours of after school gaming fun. These programs plus many more can be found online at www.tempe.gov/library.



ESCALANTE'S TEEN ADVENTURE SERIES

The Escalante Multi-Generational Center continues their Summer Teen Opportunity Center, a safe, supervised environment for teens to participate in positive programs. It provides opportunities to receive important information, resources and services.

It also offers social and recreational activities, guest speakers, field trips, employment advice and much more.

As part of this program, the center is offering a Teen Adventure Series, where teens will have the opportunity to enjoy fun activities in a safe

environment. The July events include laser tag on July 8 and Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course on July 15. They will participate in recreational activities that will allow them to lead healthier lives, socialize, build confidence, experience teamwork and have fun. Visit www.Tempe.gov/Escalante.



CELEBRATE THE 4TH AS A FAMILY



The Kiwanis Club of Tempe presents the Fox 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival on Monday, July 4 at Tempe Beach Park. The celebration has an impressive lineup of live, local performers. Entertainment begins at 6:15 p.m. and runs until 10:45 p.m., with a 35-minute break at 9:15 p.m. for one of Arizona's largest fireworks displays. Gates open at 5 p.m. and festivities include the Cox Communications Family Fun Fest complete with inflatables, rides, rock climbing and more.

The fireworks spectacular will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to music for all tastes and interests including patriotic, pop, country and more. Net proceeds

from the 65th annual fireworks spectacular will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe's children's charities.

Poppy & The Usual Suspects
6:15-7:00 p.m.

Rhythm Edition
7:15-8:10 p.m.

Laura Walsh
8:15-9:15 p.m.

Donovan & the Allstars
9:45-10:45 p.m.

Tickets start at \$5 and are on sale now.

Visit www.Tempe4th.com for more information.

SUMMER CAMPS

With another month left in your child's summer break, ensure they stay active and engaged. Tempe offers fantastic Summer Camps in a wide variety of subjects and at convenient times so you're sure to find something that's a perfect fit for every young member of your family. From

[Kid Zone](#) and basketball to STEM and art, there's sure to be something!

Check out the Masters of Disaster where you will have the opportunity to learn about the science behind extreme weather, or LEGO Star Wars where you can learn the basics of stop-motion animation. Take a look at

Minecraft Movie-Making where you can design a Minecraft world using LEGO blocks and create a movie. Check out the complete list of programs at www.tempe.gov/brochure and see what interests you – there's still time to find a great summer camp!





EXPLORE YOUR SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is the perfect time to discover a new favorite hobby, learn a new skill or spend time with your family and the Summer Tempe Opportunities Brochure is the best place to find these great opportunities. Visit www.Tempe.gov/Brochure for class information and to register!



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, July 4

Fox 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival

5 p.m.; [Tempe Beach Park](#)

Tuesday, July 5

Totally Tempe Tuesday – Exercise Your Soul with Wellness

2–4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Wednesday, July 6

Tempe Time Machine – Western Magic

10 a.m.–2p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Saturday, July 9

Tempe Time Machine

10 a.m.–2p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Saturday, July 9

Glow Paddle

7:30–9:30 p.m.; [Tempe Town Lake](#)

Tuesday, July 12

Totally Tempe Tuesday – Exercise Your Soul with Laughter

2–4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Wednesday, July 13

Tempe Time Machine – Roping Reynosos

10 a.m.–2p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Tuesday, July 19

Totally Tempe Tuesday – Exercise Your Body with Fitness

2–4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Wednesday, July 20

Tempe Time Machine

10 a.m.–2p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Friday, July 22

Moonlight Kayak

7:30–9:30 p.m.; [Tempe Town Lake](#)

Tuesday, July 26

Totally Tempe Tuesday –

Exercise Your Mind, Body and Soul

2–4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

Wednesday, July 27

Tempe Time Machine – Carnival Day

10 a.m.–2p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

 City of Tempe

PLAY LEARN LIVE GROW

www.tempe.gov/recreation