

August 2017

## Back to school and fall activities guide

August is a busy month in Tempe, as students head back to school and city staff gears up for all of the fall programs and activities. Consider this your complete guide to getting the kids back into the swing of things – school study tools, expert college advice, sports classes and extracurricular activities – we've got it all covered for you, including this month's free events and activities.



## Tempe goes back to school!

It's time for that summer slide to end and for Tempe students to re-embrace their school spirit. As Tempe heads [back to school](#), several important resources are also making their return. Here are just a few examples.

### Study and research tools

The Tempe Public Library provides plenty of homework and research help for students of all ages. The Learning Express Library is a great tool for exam preparation. Students can also access digital resources like World Book Online and Kids InfoBits, both curriculum-based and free to use. All can be found at [www.tempe.gov/YouthLibrary](http://www.tempe.gov/YouthLibrary).



The Tempe History Museum offers [educational tours](#) for fourth and fifth graders at Petersen House and at the museum. The [eMuseum](#) database is a great online resource to learn about all of the museum's collections.



## Kid Zone before and after school programs



Registration is now underway for [Kid Zone](#) before and after school programs, which offer a safe, structured and affordable environment for Tempe students.

Kid Zone students find themselves in an active and social after-school setting, playing games, interacting with friends and working on homework – instead of spending their mornings and afternoons in front of the TV or playing video games. STEM and other specialty programs are part of the curriculum. There are Kid Zone programs at 17 Tempe and Kyrene schools. Kid Zone is licensed by the Department of Health Services. For more information and to register, visit [www.tempe.gov/KidZone](http://www.tempe.gov/KidZone) or call 480-350-5405.

## College Connect links students to free college and career advice

[College Connect](#) links students and parents to free resources and advice from college and career experts. The program offers a workshop series, one-on-one counseling, group sessions and College Chats, which are smaller sessions hosted by program partners. Participants will learn about career planning, financial aid, scholarships, applications, admissions and class choice. All College Connect programs are free.



***The 2017-18 workshop series begins on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd.***

For more information on all College Connect offerings, a full workshop schedule and to schedule a one-on-one appointment, visit [www.CollegeConnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.org).

## Free Youth Transit Pass now available



The Tempe [Youth 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 for free. Passes for this school year are valid July 1 through June 30. Students can obtain a pass at the Tempe Transit Store or on their school campuses at Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools.

To get a pass at the transit store, students must bring a parent or guardian, a copy of their birth certificate, proof of residency dated within the last 60 days and the parent or guardian's driver's license or photo ID.

## Make a difference — VOLUNTEER!

This year, more than 4,000 volunteers will serve the City of Tempe in a variety of activities, programs and events. Volunteers of all ages help to expand and enhance the services the city provides and now we're looking for this year's civic-minded students.



We're hosting two Youth Volunteer Orientations from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 and from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Both meetings will be at the [Tempe Public Library](#) in the Teen Center. Students are encouraged to come learn how to acquire volunteer service hours for school while developing customer service skills. Volunteer coordinators will review a variety of opportunities available this fall. Registration is not required.

## Fall Tempe Opportunities Brochure available Aug. 10



Plan all the family's fall activities with the newest Tempe Opportunities brochure, now available for online viewing. Registration for Tempe residents begins Monday, Aug. 14; non-residents can register beginning Monday, Aug. 21. Most classes start the first week of September.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) for a full list of offerings, schedules and to register. Here's a preview of some new and returning favorites you'll find for fall.

## Tots ages 0-5

### **New! Storytime Theater**

Children ages 3-5 will engage in dramatic and imaginative play as ASU theater students share stories and lead children in acting out the story's events. Children are encouraged to attend all of the sessions. The classes are free; registration is required.

### **New! Fall Fiestas**

This monthly holiday program is for students and their parents to create make-it, take-it arts and crafts and join in some holiday fun.

### **JetHawks T-ball for Boys and Girls**

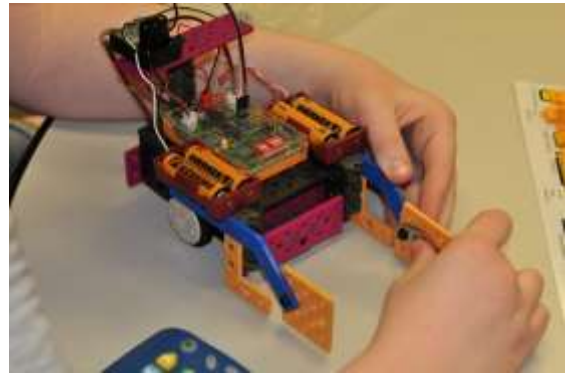
Pre-K, kindergarten and first graders will learn the joy of baseball and softball through an introduction of basic skills including drills, lead up games and real game situations. Fun and snacks for all!



## Youth ages 5-12

### **New! S.T.E.A.M. and Robotics®; Robo Frenzy!**

Students will design, build, program and mechanize simple structures and robots. Explore robo kits, build connections with snap & lock components and work as a team to compete in epic battle challenges.



### **New! Comic Art and Painting**

Students learn to draw their favorite superheroes with markers, watercolors and more using reference photos.

### **Play-Well TEKnologies®, LEGO® Engineering Mini-Camps**

Students will explore concepts in architecture, physics and engineering while playing with their favorite LEGO® pieces.



### **REGISTER NOW FOR TENNIS AND YOUTH SOFTBALL!**

#### **Youth Tennis**

Classes are available now for aspiring tennis players. Students will learn how to play tennis by pro instructors, acquiring playing skills while meeting new friends. Classes occur weekly. Visit [www.tempe.gov/tennis](http://www.tempe.gov/tennis) to register.

### **LadyHawks' Youth Softball**

Registration is now open for Tempe's popular youth softball program for girls. Registration ends on August 15 for grades 4 through 8 and Sept. 1 for kindergarten through third grade. The fall season starts Sept 6, 2017. Register at [www.tempe.gov/YouthSports](http://www.tempe.gov/YouthSports).

## Teens ages 13-18

### **Junior Rowing Team**

Students will learn to row on Tempe Town Lake. The Junior Rowing Team has traveled around the country to race. Join the team and experience a unique water sports opportunity in the middle of the desert. No experience necessary.



### **CompuGirls Boot Camp**

The next generation of tech innovators can explore technological applications through circuitry and design while also discussing the cultural responsiveness of Tempe communities. Contact Micah Corporaal at 480-350-5327 to register. There is no fee for these classes.

## Adults ages 18+

### **New! Three adult art classes**

Tempe is offering three brand new art classes beginning in September. Beginning Painting is an introductory class that teaches basic painting techniques in oil, acrylic and water color. Adult Drawing includes the use of live models and teaches composition, structure and expression. Portrait Painting covers paint applications, mixing flesh tones, light and shade.

### **New! American Sign Language (ASL) 102**

This class is a continuation of ASL 101, building students' expressive and receptive skills, grammar, vocabulary and deaf cultural awareness. Class ends with a silent party.

Prerequisite: ASL 101 or permission from instructor.



### **New! Two new yoga classes**

Tempe is offering two new yoga classes this fall. The first is Inflammation and Circulation. Yoga is used to help manage stress hormones, which cause inflammation and poor circulation. The second is focused on muscle tension release and uses props to allow the body to feel supported while using various positions.

### **Adult Learn to Row**

Designed for first time rowers, this program is a great opportunity to get on the water and get in shape! Rowing is a low impact sport and once completed participants can join our adult rowing team that races locally and on the west coast.

### **Stand Up Paddling Yoga**

Find your inner peace on the waters of Tempe Town Lake. Experience yoga while balancing on your Stand Up Paddleboard. The program will focus on breathing, sun salutations and quiet moments of reflection.



## Adults ages 50+



### **Tai Chi / Body Balance I & II**

For adults 50+: Use basic Tai Chi movements and Qigong breathing exercises to gently relax and exercise the body. In the more advanced class, learn more Tai Chi moves that will help you to gain balance and flexibility, while improving breathing and posture.

## Adults ages 50+ (cont.)

### Recreation Center Activities

Tempe's Escalante, North Tempe, Pyle and Cahill recreation centers offer classes and activities ranging from art, exercise classes, dancing, Bingo and music programs like Bluegrass Jam Session and Looney Toon Kitchen Band. Check page 45 of the brochure for a full listing at each center.



### Chair Fit and Fabulous

All levels welcome in this exercise class. Exercise at your own pace and comfort level, using a chair or standing at the Cahill Senior Center.

## Adapted Recreation

### LEAP After-School Program

The Life Skills Enrichment After-School Program (LEAP) for middle/high school students with developmental disabilities provides recreational activities promoting physical exercise and social skill development while supervised in a 1:4 staff-to-student environment. The program follows the school year calendar and takes place Monday-Friday until 6 p.m.; transportation is provided.

### Friday Night Games, Karaoke, Movies and More

A variety of Friday night activities are scheduled the first two Friday nights of each month. The first Friday rotation includes karaoke, bingo or a movie. The second Friday is a themed social dance with a live DJ. The activities promote socialization and fun.

### Special Olympics Arizona

Youth (8 years+) and adults with intellectual disabilities are invited to join City of Tempe's Special Olympics Arizona delegation to learn sportsmanship and teamwork while achieving their personal goals. Athletes of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Athletes can participate in aquatics, bowling and golf during the fall season.

## Punt, Pass and Kick contest canceled



Tempe Youth Sports coaches and staff were sad to learn that the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick contest will not be held this year. PPK was a great program that was enjoyed for 56 years.

Our coaches are fired up for the return of Tempe's Flag Football program this fall and invite boys and girls in grades K through 8 to join them on the field. Students will learn the fundamentals of football in a fun and safe environment.

Programs begin the week of Sept. 18. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) to sign up.



## Free events and activities in August

### *Jazz music and migrant quilts at the museum*



The Tempe History Museum is featuring two free, family-friendly events in August. For more information on both, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).

**Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. – Jazz and Art:** Half show, half concert, this experience will stimulate your senses with abstract art pieces while listening to improvised jazz.

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m. – Opening Event for The Migrant Quilt Project Exhibit,** a collaborative effort of artists and quilt makers to express compassion for

migrants from Mexico and Central America who died in the Southern Arizona deserts. The quilts are made of denim, bandannas, work shirts and other materials collected from migrant shelter locations across Southern Arizona. Exhibit runs through Sept. 21 during regular museum hours.

### *Kids Swim Free – Midday session*

Tempe's Kids Swim Free is back at [Kiwaniis Wave Pool](http://www.kiwanis.org)! Bring out the family and enjoy the calm water from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Up to two kids age ten and under are free with one \$4

adult admission. Kids 11-12 are \$3 and kids ages 13 years and up are \$4.

The midday session is available now through Dec. 7. The wave pool is located at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way. Visit [www.tempe.gov/kiwanis](http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis) or call 480-350-5201 for more information.



### *Free Art Friday – Series returns Aug. 18*

Free Art Friday is a free, family-friendly interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement, and spend quality time together. Registration is not required. Fall dates and themes include:

- Aug. 18 theme: Under the Sea
- Sept. 22 theme: Master of Art
- Oct. 27 theme: Pirates of the Edna Vihel



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[www.tempe.gov/recreation](http://www.tempe.gov/recreation)