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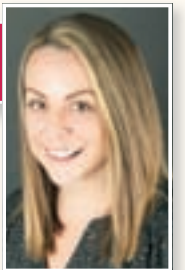
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EDITOR'S NOTE



Summer 2022 is just around the corner! I'll admit, it wasn't until I started writing the *Arcadia News Summer Camp Guide* that I realized how many summer camps are available in Arizona and around the country – or what summer camp truly means to our youth.

The benefits are plenty: making friends, learning new skills, finding new passions...these days, camps even offer educational "classes" to keep kids fresh and up-to-date on their studies.

This year, we focused on camps that grow those passions: kids can learn about different animal ecosystems with six animal camps, hone their musical skills or learn a new instrument with music camps, and get their energy out with a variety of sports camps. Don't take too long to decide – camps tell us they are filling up fast.

We hope you enjoy our 2022 *Arcadia News Summer Camp Guide*. Please reach out to editor@arcadianews.com with any feedback or future ideas. Happy summer camp days, and thank you for reading *Arcadia News*!

—mallory



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Animal Camps

FURRY, FUZZY, SCALY ADVENTURES

Some children like video and computer games. Others like being in nature or want nothing more than to hang out with animals all day. If this sounds like your offspring, check out these animal-themed summer camps!

CAMP OCEAN

Odysea Aquarium,

9500 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale

Ages: K-8th grade

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: May 30-July 29

Fee: \$325 per camper, per week

Camp Ocean provides three separate camps:

Fins, Feathers and Fur: All about Animals is for grades K-2, where campers learn about aquatic and terrestrial animals that are dependent on the oceans and their ecosystems by exploring their characteristics.

Land, Sea and Sky: Habitats of the World is for grades 3-5.

Campers take a tour around the world, exploring the planet's animal habitats. This camp will provide interactive and close-up experiences in some of OdySea Aquarium's habitats. Campers will learn about ecosystems within each habitat and how animals within them are interdependent.

Junior Marine Biologists: Care and Conservation is for grades 6-8.



Campers will better understand oceans and their inhabitants and what we can do to help protect them. This camp will facilitate behind-the-scenes experiences that will teach what it takes to care for underwater animals.

odyseaaquarium.com

CAMP ZOO

Phoenix Zoo,

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

Ages: K-8th grade

Time: 8-11:45 a.m. for kinder kids,

8 a.m.-3 p.m. for first-eighth graders

Dates: June 6-July 29

Fee: \$140-\$310 depending on time and membership.

Phoenix Zoo offers the Build the Zoo program, where each grade level will be asked to build an exhibit or an item for an animal (examples are building a habitat, building a boot camp, etc.). Campers will spend mornings on the trails, enjoying close encounters with the animals, learning from their care teams and enjoying the splash pad. Afternoons will be spent working on design challenges.

Incorporating STEAM principles and going through the design, build, test, and revise process, campers will use what they've learned about the animals to create real-world solutions and finish out the week by presenting their designs.

phoenixzoo.org



KIDS RIDING CAMP

Arizona Cowboy College,
30208 N. 152nd St., Scottsdale

Ages: 5-16

Time: 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates: May 25-August 10

Fee: \$450 per camper

If horses are your child's favorite animal, this camp might be perfect. Campers will learn different riding styles, grooming, bathing, lunging and basic medical treatment of horses and cattle, livestock behavior, training techniques – and yes, there will be plenty of riding! On the last two days of camp, there will be a sleepover in a real cowboy bunkhouse – with swimming, movies, a BBQ dinner and a performance for parents so kids can show off what they've learned.

cowboycollege.com



POWER PAWS...UNLEASHED

Power Paws Assistance Dogs,
8250 E. Rose Lane, Scottsdale

Ages: 9-12

Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Friday

Dates: June 7-July 15

Fees: \$600 per two-week session

Campers will learn the importance of service dogs and how they can help people with disabilities at Power Paws Unleashed. If you have a pup, bring

it with you! Activities include morning yoga, making healthy treats for dogs, daily basic obedience training, arts and crafts and other activities – all while hanging out with four-legged canines. If you don't have a pup at home, no worries – Power Paws will have one waiting for you!

azpowerpaws.org



WILD WONDERS

Arizona Humane Society,
1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix

Ages: 6-8 and 9-12

Time: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates: June 20-July 15

Fee: Early bird is \$300 until April 22, then \$345 per camper

Wild Wonders is the Arizona Humane Society's most hands-on camp and focuses on the importance of wild and domestic animal sanctuaries and rehabilitators. Campers will interact with hedgehogs, snakes, rabbits and alligators and learn about wildlife with the Arizona Humane Society, Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary and other nonprofits as they gain knowledge on coexisting and keeping pets safe.

azhumane.org



Cool Stuff TO DO

KEEP COOL IN THE SUMMER SUN WITH SUMMER FUN

ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER

600 E. Washington St., Phoenix

Admission: Adults \$20; Kids 3-17 \$15; 2 and under free. Members of all ages are free. Explore an entire building full of interactive science exhibits, including an IMAX theater and a trip to the stars in the planetarium.



Permanent exhibits include the American Airlines Flight Zone, where guests can experience the science behind flying and Get Charged Up, an exhibit where kids can get hands-on with science. General admission must register for a time slot.

azscience.org

AZ ICE ARCADIA

Desert Palms Power Center:
3853 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix

Admission: All skate rentals are \$3.50. \$9.50 for adults 13 and up, \$8.50 for 12 and under, \$6.50 for adults over 55 and students with an ID. Veterans and active members of the military skate for free. We all reach a breaking point in the summer where we want to get as far away from the heat as possible. Cooling off happens instantly in AZ Ice Arcadia! Public skating, lessons, youth hockey league and day camps are available.



azice.com/arcadia

AZ ON THE ROCKS

16447 N. 91st St., Suite 105, Scottsdale

Admission: \$31 for adults and \$27 for kids. Test out your strength and endurance at AZ on the Rocks indoor rock-climbing studio.

Here, visitors are allowed to climb the walls. After a short training course, you will then be able to climb over 14,000 square feet of space at 20 feet high. AZ on the Rocks also offers yoga classes for children and adults.



azontherocks.com

BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND

9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale

Admission: \$26 for ages 18-61. \$19 for ages 2-12. Next door to OdySea Aquarium is a chance to learn about the amazing lives of butterflies. Visitors can get up close and personal with butterflies and the reptiles and amphibians that coexist with them in the rainforest. There's also a 3D theater, koi fish feeding and other exhibits on creepy crawlies in their habitats.

butterflywonderland.com



CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN

Echo Canyon Recreation Center:
4925 E. McDonald Dr., Phoenix

A hike up Camelback Mountain may be the kind of outdoor adventure you've been looking for. The trails are open from sunrise to sunset, but we'd recommend getting there early in the summertime.



Bobby's Rock Trail is perfect for a pleasant stroll up the mountain, while hikers can find more difficult paths on the Echo Canyon Summit. Cholla Trail is being relocated and will open later this year. Dogs are not allowed on the trails.

phoenix.gov/parks

CASTLES N' COASTERS

9445 N. Metro Pkwy. East, Phoenix

Admission: Unlimited pass is \$55, rides-only is \$45 with \$7 add-ons. Castles N' Coasters boasts 20 rides and attractions, mini-golf, 150+ arcade and pinball games, plus five different places to get food and drinks. Folks can get an unlimited pass and head to the roller coaster, interactive rides, go-karts, a funhouse, bumper boats and then grab a bite to eat to settle your stomach from all the fun.



castlesncoasters.com

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

215 N. 7th St., Phoenix

Admission: \$16 per person, 62 years and older \$15. Free for members and children under the age of one. This museum focuses on learning through play, emphasizing early childhood education and school readiness.



The museum has 48,000 square feet of hands-on, interactive exhibits, like BlockMania and Noodle Forest, designed for kids ten and under.

childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

Admission: \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids. Along with a plethora of events, there's always something going on at Desert Botanical Garden. Guests can walk along five different trails while admiring the flora and fauna of our environment.



Check out the Cactus Clubhouse for kids or the Spring Butterfly exhibit, and when you get hungry, there are a couple of restaurants on the grounds to choose from.

dbg.org

ESCAPE THE ROOM AZ

7017 E. Main St., Scottsdale

Admission: starts at \$30. Put your brain muscles to work and test your skills at Escape the Room AZ. There are five themed rooms: Jurassic Escape, The Agency, Western Bank Heist, Submarine and The Dig. Each room will have instructions and clues to help you escape, but you must hurry: you only have 60 minutes to solve the puzzles and make it out.



escapetheroom.com

GREAT WOLF LODGE

7333 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

Admission: \$75 for a full day, \$60 for a half-day pass. If the heat is just too

much, head to the Valley's indoor water park at Great Wolf Lodge. Folks can enjoy the 84-degree park and over 50 different activities: swimming pools, basketball hoops, floating lily pads, slides, a lazy river, hot tubs and kids play place are just a few of the amenities guests can enjoy.

greatwolf.com



HALL OF FLAME FIRE MUSEUM

6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix

Admission: \$15 for adults, \$13 for students 6-17, \$9 for ages 3-5. This museum houses various fully restored pieces of fire apparatus dating from 1725 to 1969. There are multiple exhibits at the near-acre facility, including a gallery dedicated to the history of wildland firefighting in the United States and a 9-11 exhibit. The museum also offers tours.



hallofflame.org

HARKINS SUMMER MOVIE FUN

If you're willing to wake up early, you can go to the movies this summer for super cheap. Harkins Summer Movie Fun lets kids 12 and under enjoy a movie a week for eight weeks for \$1 per film. You can buy single-day

tickets or season

tickets. Adult

tickets are the

same price, but an adult and child have to go with each other to the movie. This season's lineup includes Hollywood hits like *Space Jam*, *A New Legacy*, *Sing 2* and *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Check online to find out which theaters are participating.

harkinstheatres.com



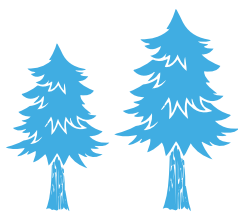
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9206 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale

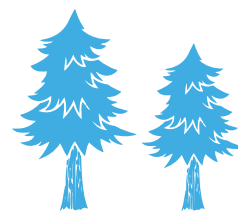
Admission: The two-flight super saver package starts at \$69.95; different packages are available. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Have you ever





Cool Stuff TO DO



wanted to try skydiving, but jumping out of a plane isn't your thing? Now you can fly without actually being in the sky. Beforehand, trained instructors will show you the proper techniques and give you the gear you need for an excellent experience.

ifyworld.com

LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER

5000 Arizona Mills Cir., Tempe

Admission starts at \$24. Hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. You don't have to drive to California to enjoy the fun of Legoland – there's one right in your backyard. The Legoland Discovery Center has two rides, ten build and play zones, exhibits, a 4D cinema, a Lego store, a factory tour and creative workshops.

legolanddiscoverycenter.com



MAIN EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

8545 S. Emerald Dr., Tempe

Admission: per person and depends on activity and package rates, but starts at \$20. Hours are 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. If you're looking for a place with a bit of variety and a lot of fun, Main Event might just be it. This establishment has 26 bowling lanes, arcade games, mini-golf, laser tag, gravity ropes, a rock-climbing wall and karaoke. There's also a full-service restaurant and cocktails available for grown-ups.

mainevent.com



MAVRIX

9139 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale

Admission depends on activity/package but starts at \$25. Eat-Drink-Bowl-Game is the motto at Mavrix. They've got 22 bowling lanes, over 80 arcade games, laser tag and billiards, as well as a full-service restaurant and patio area for when you need some fresh air and a screen break.

mavrix.com



MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK

7301 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale

Admission: \$3 per ride, entrance to the park is free. McCormick-Stillman Park has been open since 1975 and has since become a well-loved spot for children and adults to enjoy. Not only is there an actual train ride, but there's a carousel, a train history museum and a park for kids – plus, if you get hungry, you can visit Hartley's General Store for an ice cream cone!

therailroadpark.com



MEDIEVAL TIMES

9051 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale

Admission: \$66 for adults, \$39 for kids. Transport yourself to long ago at Medieval Times. Guests will get up close and personal with the queen and her royal staff while enjoying a four-course meal. But that's not even the best part: guests can watch as the brave knights battle it out with jousting and weaponry shows, as well as a falconry and horse show.

medievaltimes.com



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Admission: \$20 for general admission, \$15 for ages 13-19, \$10 for children 4-12. The Musical Instrument Museum displays more than 8,000 instruments collected from 200 countries. Guests experience the instruments through audio and video technologies, allowing them to see, hear and observe the instruments being played. If you're looking for hands-on experience, you can try instruments from all over the world in the Experience Gallery.

mim.org



OCTANE RACEWAY

9119 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale

Admission starts at \$24. If go-karts are your jam, this is the place to be. Octane's 1/3-mile track is the only full-time indoor/outdoor track in the United States: each lap begins indoors then winds through an outdoor section of the course before returning inside. There's also a VR option available, plus an arcade, mini-bowling and a restaurant if you get hungry.

octaneraceway.com



ODYSEA AQUARIUM

9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale

Admission: \$42 for adults, \$32 for kids; hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Guests will find 6,000 animals and 300 species that call Odysea home. There are more than 70 exhibits, plus galleries like the Aqua Lobby and Odysea Voyager – all the

fish, sharks and sea creatures you can handle. Attendees can see penguins, otters, "reef jewels," and behind-the-scenes tours. Outside is the Arizona Boardwalk with shopping and dining adventures to be had!

odyseaaquarium.com



PHOENIX ZOO

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

Admission: \$30 for adults, \$20 for children. Free for children two and under. A trip to the zoo is a classic summer activity for the whole family. The Phoenix Zoo is home to over 1,400 animals, including 30 endangered or threatened species. Some of the occupants you can run into include lions, flamingos, zebras, giraffes, warthogs, coyotes, monkeys and the famed Fernando the two-toed sloth.

phoenixzoo.org

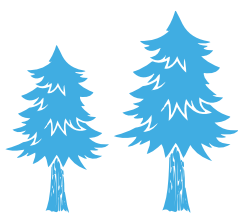


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1500 Historic Rte. 66, Williams

Admission: \$35 for adults and \$25 for ages 4-12. Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Drive through more than three miles of wildlife at Bearizona Park. Visitors will have the chance to be up close to bears, wolves, birds, bobcats and more. There is also a walking option with more of a "zoo" feeling, plus daily shows where you can learn about the wildlife and even feed the otters at the park.

bearizona.com



adventure course is full of swinging ropes, bridges and cables and will test your endurance with 10-17 different obstacles. After a 30-minute training course, guests will ascend to the trees and wiggle their way through the course. There is also an adventure zip line that goes up to 80 feet in the air.

flagstaffextreme.com

IN THE GAME

2992 N. Park Ave., Suite A,
Prescott Valley

Admission: \$25 with different pricing for each attraction. Open Monday through Thursday, 12-8 p.m.; Friday, 12-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There is something for everyone at In the Game: an arcade,



a climbing wall, laser tag, mini-golf, mini-bowling, axe throwing and a playhouse complete with tunnels and slides. When you get hungry, head to the café for a bite to eat or something cold to drink.

prescottvalley.inthegame.net

I.D.E.A. MUSEUM

150 W. Pepper Pl., Mesa

Admission: \$9 a person. Free for members. This children's museum contains over 20,000 feet of engaging, interactive space, including ArtVille, a larger-than-life "town" designed to help children develop their artistic side.

The museum also offers a spring and summer camp, plus ArtVille Academy, an eight-week program for kids 3 to 5. They're closed on Mondays but open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. during the week.

ideamuseum.org



THE MINI TIME MACHINE MUSEUM

4455 E. Camp Lowell Dr., Tucson

Admission: \$11.50 for adults, \$8 for ages 4-17, children three and under free. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. It's a museum of miniature proportions! The gallery contains over 500 miniature houses and room "boxes," and other collectibles.

Explore the Enchanted Realm, full of fairies and woodland creatures, or check out Rudy Flores and Teresa Estrella's Army Man Project, Volume 2, an exhibition of 187 Tucsonans created using 3D printing as plastic green army men.

theminitimemachine.org



VERDE CANYON RAILROAD

300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale

Admission: \$99 per person. Available on certain days, times vary from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Get ready to take in all of the beauty of Verde Canyon with a classic train ride. Depending on where you'd like to sit, Verde Canyon Railroad offers packages for each part of the train, from the locomotive to the caboose. Guests can order snacks and drinks during the ride, and there will be photo opportunities along the way.

verdecanyonrr.com



ZIPLINE ROUTE 66

200 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams

Admission: \$15 for solo rides, \$12 for tandem. During the summer, the zipline opens at 8 a.m. Time to fly across Route 66! This zip line flies through the town of Williams and over Grand Canyon Boulevard. Fliers will be seated over 110 feet high and reach speeds up to 30 miles an hour. Don't worry; you're strapped in the entire time. Enjoy the scenery of Williams while flying above it.

ziplineroute66.com



SIX FLAGS HURRICANE HARBOR

4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Glendale

Admission: \$38 if you buy online, \$46 at the gate. This is the largest theme park in Arizona – and the one with the most water rides! There are over 30 attractions, including a wave pool, lazy river, slides and kid-friendly play areas. There are multiple snack areas with food and drinks when you get hungry, plus beverages for grown-ups.

sixflags.com/phoenix



SLIDE ROCK STATE PARK

6871 N. Highway 89A, Sedona

Admission: \$20-\$30 per vehicle. Open daily from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Explore the beauty and scenery of Slide Rock State Park and make sure to bring a swimsuit. Slide Rock is 80 feet long and boasts one of the top swimming holes in the United States. There is a half-mile of Oak Creek where visitors can swim, slip and slide down the slippery rocks. There are also fishing areas stocked full of Rainbow Trout for those who want to cast a line.

azstateparks.com






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Game & Tech

A LITTLE TECH, A LOT OF FUN

It's a fact that online gaming has taken over the popularity of the board game – but have no fear! There are learning opportunities within the gaming realm. The camps below are focused on creating, coding, engineering and playing online games. Oh – and we included a classic if your child is looking to learn about an actual board game this summer!

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS STEM CAMPS

Locations vary

Ages: Pre-K to eighth grade
Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Dates: May 31-July 29
Fee: Camps start at \$165 per week

The focus of Engineering For Kids Summer Camps is to provide campers with a hands-on immersive learning experience. Those who like to ask questions and solve problems may find what they're looking for with these interactive camps. EFK partners with various locations around the Valley – Sky Zone, Mavrix and Octane Raceway, to name a few – to provide campers with activities in a variety of fields,



such as robotics, technology and code, Minecraft, augmented reality adventures, physics, cartoon animation and Esports league. EFK also offers virtual camps.

engineeringforkids.com

ID TECH CAMP

Arizona State, Tempe Campus

Age: 10-12
Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for day camp
Dates: June 27-July 1
Fee: \$1,129 for day camp, \$1,828 for overnight camp

These camps are more about creating rather than playing. In Video Production: Start your own YouTube channel, campers will learn to establish their brand and curate their online presence. After learning about pre-production and composition, creators will produce video content, use professional cameras to capture footage, create a unique online brand and practice “digital citizenship” – which they will learn all about! Tuition includes a customized curriculum and take-home project, an Official iD Tech diploma and course transcript and a limited edition t-shirt. Overnight camp includes room and board and meals.

idtech.com



LIFE SKILLS CHESS CAMP

*The Chess Emporium,
7000 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale*

Age: 5-18
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dates: May 30-June 3
Fee: \$240 for three days, \$290 for four days, \$334 for five days

For those looking to learn more about the game of chess – or those looking to sharpen their skills, Chess Emporium has the summer camp for you. Offered for three, four or five days, campers will learn tips and tricks while playing fun, chess-themed games like Bughouse and Chess Blitz. There will be lessons, free time and brain breaks throughout each day.

chessemporium.com



MINECRAFT CAMP

*Jones-Gordon School,
4800 E. Doubletree Ranch Road,
Paradise Valley*

Age: 6-12
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Date: June 20-24, June 27-July 1
Fee: \$350 a week, per camper

Jones-Gordon School Summer Camps offer a wide variety of themes, including Minecraft Camp, where students can learn about coding, engineering, game design, survival, and animation tips and

tricks for all those Minecraft adventures. Groups will get time to play the game together, build with Minecraft LEGOs, make crafts and more. Insider tip: Percy Jackson and Harry Potter camps are also available if those are more your style.

jonesgordon.org



VAULT EDUTAINMENT SUMMER CAMP

4227 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale

Age: 5-13
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dates: June 6-July 29
Fee: \$500 per week, per child

The Vault is a brand-new camp that offers gaming, activities and fun while practicing reading, writing and other school topics with certified teachers to keep kids fresh during the summer. Weekly themes include Under the Sea, Creepy Crawlers, Natural Disasters/Weather and Monster Mash. Also included will be keyboarding practice and time to “game” with Minecraft, Roblox and Fortnite. Vault also has Oculus virtual reality goggles where kids can mini-golf or bowl. They offer one-on-one tutoring throughout the week and two-hour sessions for “non-camp” kids just wanting to game for a bit.

thevaultedutainment.com





What's the secret?

THESE CAMPS KNOW HOW TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE

As summer approaches, kids are eagerly waiting for the days when they can head out off to camp to enjoy their break by learning new crafts and sports, meeting new friends and hanging by the pool. Collectively, these six camps have been around for over 170 years and they know the secret to keeping their campers safe, happy and active for summer break.

SHELLY SCHEURING BROPHY SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Brophy's Summer Enrichment program has been ongoing for the past 15 years, and typically they serve more than 800 students each summer.

Summer Enrichment Director Shelly Scheuring said that the athletic camps (football, basketball, baseball and soccer) are popular because the current Brophy coaches help teach the camps. This year, they've also added lacrosse. STEM classes such as engineering & experiments, computer coding, innovation camp, robotics, and Esports are popular with boys and girls.

"We want our participants to have fun and get a break from hanging around the house," Scheuring said. "We really want to engage them, make sure they learn and grow, and that they feel they are part of something bigger. In this case, they are part of Brophy, even if it's just for four weeks. Many come back year after year."

brophyprep.org

KARYN MILLER CACTUS DAY CAMP

Karyn Miller spent her childhood summers attending camps in New York and Chicago. When she moved to the Valley, she noticed that Phoenix didn't have traditional day camps, so she decided to open her own. Cactus Day Camp has hosted summer programs for 16 years.

There are over 20 activities, arts and crafts and classes for kids to choose from. Miller said that swimming is definitely a favorite activity among counselors and campers. She said kids are also excited about archery and climbing, especially if they've never tried it before.

IT'S SUMMER!

my time of year!

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Dog to Camp
In-Person
or Virtual*



POWER PAWS... UNLEASHED

If your child loves dogs, is interested in helping people with disabilities and is looking for a fun way to spend the summer, sign up now!

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LEARN MORE TODAY:

VISIT: www.azpowerpaws.org/programs/just-for-kids

- Students Ages 9-12
- Sessions are 9:00AM - 2:00PM
- Tuesdays through Friday Only (Mondays Off)
- Sessions:
 - June 7 - June 17
 - June 21 - July 1
 - June 5 - July 15



* Dog must be non-aggressive around other dogs. Dog must be under 61 pounds. Dog will be evaluated before camp. Payment for camp required to schedule evaluation. Each day camper and dog will receive a one-hour training basic obedience class each day (Canine Training Value \$1,000). If during camp any dogs shows signs of aggression toward dogs or child. Dog will be removed from camp for the remainder of session. Camper can complete the remainder of the session.



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“I believe that safety as a priority is one thing that makes a successful camp. Kids get exposure to a multitude of activities. I think that’s why parents choose us, because we’re a place to try new things; a place where kids can be kids and build friendship,” Miller said.

She mentioned that accreditation and year-round planning also play a part in the success of Cactus Day Camp.

“I live and breathe Cactus Day. I’ve been here from the start, and our leadership is consistent. I think that’s another thing that makes us so successful,” Miller said.

cactusdaycamp.com

ADAM ESPOSITO

FRIENDLY PINES OVERNIGHT CAMP

Friendly Pines Camp has been owned and operated by the May family since 1941 – four generations with over 80 years of experience. Program Director Adam Esposito has been part of the Friendly Pines family for seven years and has a surprising statistic to share:

“You’d never guess it, but the single most popular activity at Friendly Pines is sewing! As a whole, though, encompassing five different activities, our horseback riding program is a favorite,” he said.

Esposito said that keeping campers happy

and providing them with opportunities for genuine human connection is the key to a successful camp.

“There are many campers that when it’s time to go home, wish they could spend just a little more time here. They’ve made new friends in a world away from technology that is far more engaging than any screen could ever be,” he said.

friendlypines.com

ANN MARIE SUNDERHAUS

HUBBARD SUMMER SWIM CAMP

Hubbard Family Swim School was opened in 1998, and the camp has run every summer for the past 24 years. At Hubbard, campers play sports games and participate in a different theme each week. Camp Director Ann Marie Sunderhaus said that dodgeball games are a camp favorite.

“In my opinion, exceptional staff, fun, organized, creative curriculum and consistent safety procedures make a summer camp successful,” Sunderhaus said. “Creating an environment in which campers feel safe is extremely important. Focusing on impacting the campers, developing them while allowing for the freedom of play and fun makes campers want to return each week!”

hubbardswim.com

for kindergarten and first-grade students provide school readiness with a good dose of fun.

“What makes our camp successful is the variety of activities we have for kids, the mix of academic activities, sports, arts, enrichment, the daily choices for afternoon electives, and our fun, friendly, caring camp counselors that go out of their way to make our campers’ summer program experience phenomenal,” Hall said.

pcds.org/summer

SHONNA JAMES

SHEMER SUMMER ART CAMP

In 1984, Martha Shemer purchased a home and land in Arcadia and donated it to the City of Phoenix. Since then it has been showcasing and supporting Arizona artists – and is known as the Shemer Art Center. Since 2016, Shemer has hosted over 100 children every June for their Summer Art Camp.

“Each day, our students get to spend two hours learning new drawing skills, two hours with our painting instructor, and two hours doing ceramics – the ceramics classes are often the most popular,” Executive Director Shonna James said. “Summer camps are something children remember for the friends they make, the experiences they have, the interesting things they learn, and the amazing works of art they create.”

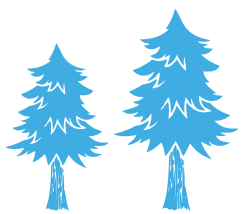
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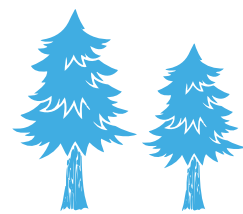
PHOENIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

PCDS’s Summer Camp has been open for more than 30 years. Chris Hall, director of communications, said that cooking classes, hands-on science, and indoor sports are popular. The self-contained classes

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Music CAMPS



COME ON, PLAY US A TUNE

Are the speakers constantly bumpin' at your house? Is there a room dedicated to instruments somewhere? Does your child know all the songs to *Mamma Mia*? If so, a music camp could be the right choice this summer. Here are four camps dedicated to keepin' the tunes flowing:

MUSIC MAKER WORKSHOPS; SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

3233 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix

Age: 5-10

Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates: June 13-July 21

Fee: \$185

This one is only a half-day camp, but it still packs lots of fun and music into those three hours! For a total of five days, campers will get to try their hands at a new instrument: piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, voice or drums. Each week, there are different themes, such as Fiesta Fun and Crazy Country Western, with activities, games, giveaways, crafts, contests and teacher features mixed with learning or practicing an instrument.



mmwaz.com

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Age: Pre-K-12th grade

Time: Times vary

Fee: Museum admission is \$20, classes are separate.

The Musical Instrument Museum houses 8,000 instruments from more than 200 countries around the world. While they don't have a specific summer camp, they offer music classes and activities year-round and for every age group.

Kids up to five years old can enjoy Mini Music Makers class. Here, kids explore music from around the globe while singing, dancing and playing instruments. Designed for children and caregivers, each class explores a new musical culture and touches on motor, pre-language and musical skills. \$12 per class.



Ages 6-10 can pick up an MIMkids Passport and embark on a journey with MIMkids Musical Adventures, where attendees can discover new cultures by actively participating in music-making, crafting musical instruments, and exploring MIM's exhibits. Each class focuses on a different continent and music from around the world, with

an opportunity to collect MIMkids passport stamps. \$12 per class.

Students in grades 6 through 12 can become Junior Museum Guides. Students can learn about cultures while also participating in music-making. Junior Guides will train to lead tours while exploring MIM's galleries and exhibits. Participants who complete all four classes will have the opportunity to lead group tours for upcoming events. \$40 per session – four in total.

mim.org

SCHOOL OF ROCK SCOTTSDALE

13610 N. Scottsdale Road

Age: 7-18

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee: \$500

School of Rock offers music camps throughout the summer, focused on every genre imaginable: classic rock, punk rock, pop hits, pop legends...the list is endless. Here are just a few examples:

June 6-10, Modern Rock Camp:

Students will learn and perform songs from some of the most popular artists of the 21st century, including Foo Fighters, Amy Winehouse, Imagine Dragons, Paramore and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Monday through Friday will be spent learning and rehearsing songs culminating in a live performance at the end of the week.

June 13-17, Green Day Camp: Throughout this 5-day camp, students will explore hits from some of Green Day's most popular albums, such as "Warning," "Insomniac," and "American Idiot." At the end of the week, there will be a live performance. Great for students who have had some previous instruction.



July 11-15, Songwriting and Recording Camp: Students will learn how to write their own songs by researching some of the greatest compositions of the last 60 years to develop their own tunes. Topics include chord progressions, arrangements and other tricks of the trade. Students will perform their original work at the end of the week.

July 18-22, Beatles Camp: Celebrate the best songs from The Beatles' collection of hits and Billboard-topping classics. Students will spend Monday through Friday learning and practicing songs and performing their own Beatles tribute at the end of camp.

schoolofrock.com



SUMMER COMPANY – MUSICAL THEATRE AND FINE ARTS CAMP

Do Re Mi School of the Arts,

8050 E. Mountain View Road, Scottsdale

Age: 4-8, 9-18

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for Fine Arts, 11 a.m.-1 and 4 p.m. for Musical Theatre

Dates: July 11-30

Fee: \$350-\$500 for three-week sessions

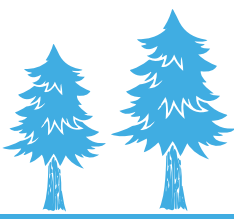
This camp is more about theater and performance, but music still plays a huge part! For those who want to dance, act AND sing, Do Re Mi might be the camp for you.

The Fine Arts Camp focuses on theatre, music, dance, and art instruction. Kids aged 4-6 will learn song, dance and acting for songs and scenes from *Peter Pan*, and first/second-grade students will learn songs and scenes from *Hercules*. The camp concludes with a full production.

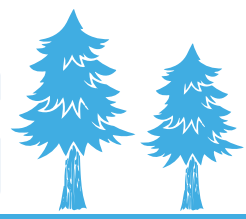
For the older kids, this 3-week summer camp engages students in a hands-on musical theatre experience, from auditioning, learning lines and staging the show with props, lights and costumes. Third through eighth-graders will produce *Grease*, and ninth-12th graders will produce *Urinetown*. The entire process happens in 12 rehearsals – culminating with a public show.



doremischool.com



Sports CAMPS



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

One of the integral parts of growing up is participating in sports or activities that help kids stay active and get rid of some of that never-ending energy supply. Below are five camps so youngsters can tumble, throw, climb and dunk throughout the summer.

AZ ON THE ROCKS

16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale

Age: 6-12

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for half-days, 3 p.m. for full days

Dates: June 6-August 5

Fee: Half day is \$58-\$68 daily; \$290-\$325 weekly; full-day is \$70-\$80 daily; \$350-\$385 weekly.

AZ on the Rocks, where “it’s okay to climb the walls!” This year’s summer camp will include rock climbing, along with yoga classes and ninja course obstacles. There will also be themed activities and games throughout the day. Camp starts with a morning meeting and stretching session. Campers rotate through stations, to get a break from climbing and participate in other physical activities.

azontherocks.com

HI-FIVE SUMMER CAMP

Victorium

9219 E. Hidden Spur Tr.
Westworld

16601 N. Pima Road

Age: 5-12

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: June 6-August 5

Fee: \$325 for five days

Looking for a camp that encompasses a variety of sports? Look no further than Hi-Five. This year’s campers will experience basketball, baseball, football, volleyball, floor hockey, soccer, even lacrosse. Each day begins with team meetings, prizes and a theme of the day. Then, it’s game time. Campers will practice and play actual games,

pick-up games, and have free playtime. Oh, and there are contests each day, complete with prize giveaways.

hifivesportsclubs.com

IMPACT GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

7812 N. 12th St., Phoenix

Age: 3-15

Time: Full day is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., half-day 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-3 p.m.

Dates: May 31-August 5

Fee: \$60-\$80 per day, \$250-\$335 per week

Impact Gymnastics offers fun, themed weekly sessions throughout the summer, including Hawaiian Luau, Hollywood, Party in the USA, Disney Days and Mad Science. Campers will be in small groups and rotate through various activities, including structured gymnastics events like vault, bars, beam, Tumble Track, Ninja Zone and open gym. There will also be crafts, special guests and mat fort building.

impactgymnaz.com

SALT RIVER FIELDS BASEBALL CAMPS

7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

Age: 5-12

Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates: June 13-17, July 11-15

Fee: \$300 per participant

This five-day camp features three hours of hitting, fielding, pitching, catching, base running and more. Campers will learn the tips and tricks behind a successful baseball game, take lots of swings and learn the fundamentals of the sport. This camp will be hosted in the Colorado Rockies Batting Cages and the adjacent field. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and a chance to win fun prizes throughout the week. The clinics are also available as a night camp from 6-9 p.m. at \$125 per camper.

saltriverfields.com/
srfbaseballacademy



SUNRAYS SUPER CAMP

3923 E. Indian School Road

Age: 4-13

Time: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: May 31-August 5

Fee: Single day \$89, full week \$336

Super Camp is all about movement! Campers can participate in various

gymnastics circuits, dance and Ninja Zone (an obstacle course where campers can run, jump, climb and flip!). There will also be special guest demonstrations, trampoline time, group activities, water games and more.

arizonasunrays.com



Camp Dates: June 6-July 29



- Ages 4-13
- Full Day Program
- 5 days a week
- 2, 4, 6, or 8 weeks
- Two pools on campus
- Friday special events
- Extended hours available
- Optional lunch program
- & MORE!!

- Swimming
- Archery
- Rock Wall
- Cooking
- Tumbling
- Arts & Crafts
- Dance
- Gaga
- Rocketry
- Game Show
- Team Sports
- Improv
- Water slide
- Game Room
- Mini Golf
- & MORE!!



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BROPHY SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Be a Bronco this summer, from June 6-July 1, on Brophy's campus. Our Summer Enrichment program is open to any boy or girl going into 5th-8th grade. Get creative with art and music; channel your inner scientist with STEM classes; stay active with sports and fitness camps, and much more! Enjoy Brophy's spacious facilities which include an aquatic center, state-of-the-art gyms, art studios and other learning spaces. We've got a fun four weeks planned for you! Find registration information below.

brophyprep.org/summerschool



CACTUS DAY CAMP

A "traditional" summer program for ages 4-13, five days a week for 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks, where safety is the priority, friendships are fostered, healthy lifestyles are encouraged and your child's fun is unlimited. Each day is filled with over 20 activities, including archery, swimming, gaming, team sports, tumbling, crafts, climbing, gaga, dance and more. Fridays culminate with a special camp-wide event. Transportation options available to/from camp. Accredited by the American Camp Association. Email info@CactusDayCamp.com or call 480-836-CAMP (2267) for more information or to schedule a tour of the camp.

cactusdaycamp.com



CAMPS AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

Give them a summer packed with hands-on learning and fun! Each unique camp includes games and activities designed to cultivate the minds and muscles of children ages 5-8. Campers will also have plenty of time to play within all three floors of the museum's imaginative exhibits. Here they'll build confidence and self-esteem, and make friends and lasting memories. Extended care available. Call 602-648-2777 or register online at childrensmuseumofphoenix.org, click Experiences.

childrensmuseumofphoenix.org



STEM CAMPS WITH ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

When school is out, camp is IN at Engineering For Kids of Phoenix Metro! We offer an extensive, diverse list of STEM curriculum for kids 4 to 14. Camps are held at the coolest kid-friendly venues around town. Campers design, build, test, and improve their projects while making new friends and using the hottest new tech. We offer full-day, half-day, and select drop-in enrollments on top of extended care if you need a late pick-up. No-interest payment plans and no-hassle cancellations ensure a smooth and simple registration process. View our course catalog today to snag a seat in Phoenix's favorite STEM camp!

engineeringforkids.com/phoenix



GREASEPAINT YOUTHEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

We offer a LOT of EVERYTHING! We have professional directors, educators and the best kids around! Great TRAINING and great FUN - just what you want for YOUR kids. Camps are open to ages 6-13 and run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Upcoming classes include: Musical Theatre Broadway Revue Camp, June 6-17; The Royals Camp, June 20-24; Superheroes Camp, June 27-July 1; Treasure Trunk, July 11-15 and Dance, Dance, Dance, July 18-22. Call 480-949-7529 for more information or register on our website.

greasepaint.org



CAMP HUBBARD

Camp Hubbard offers Summer Day Camp for kids ages 4.5-14. Each day we focus on fun, sports, games, and building life skills and confidence through PLAY. We offer small group ratios and different themes each week! Engaged and well-trained staff ensure every day is safe and fun. All skill levels welcome. Locations: Scottsdale, Saint Bernadette, 60th St., south of Bell; New Way Academy, 52nd St. and Oak St.; and Sunnyslope High School, Central & Dunlap. Weeks run May 31-Aug. 5. Full day and half-day options, weekly and single-day options available.

camphubbardaz.com



POWER PAWS UNLEASHED

If your child loves dogs, wants to learn how dogs help people with disabilities and is looking for a fun way to spend the summer, sign up for "Bring Your Dog to Camp!" Power Paws works with campers and their dogs in a fast-paced, interactive class that will teach your child basics skills to train their dogs. Ages 9-12, Tues-Fri 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and in-person or virtual sessions run: June 7-17, June 21-July 1 and July 5-15. Call 480-970-1322 or visit our website.

azpowerpaws.org/programs/just-for-kids



SCOTTSDALE ARTISTS' SCHOOL

Join us for our week-long Youth Academy Fine Art Summer Camps. Programs are taught by professional artists and are designed for all skill levels from ages 6 to 18. Projects include: Painting, 3D Sculpting, Designing, Studio Art, Drawing, Anime, Recycled Art and much more. Our studios are set up so each student has a personalized space equipped with individual supplies for a fun and creative fine art experience. Camps run daily Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Before and after art is available for an additional fee, for students who need an extended day.

scottsdaleartschool.org



SHEMER ART CENTER

Summer Camps are offered at the Shemer Art Center every year in June, and they are so popular that this year's camps are already SOLD OUT! After-School Art Clubs for kids ages 6-11 and Art Classes for Teens are offered year-round. The Shemer Art Center is the perfect place to experience art, develop new skills and have fun! 602-262-4727 or shemerartcenter.org.

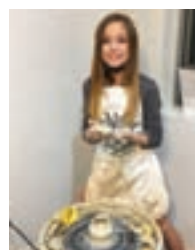
shemerartcenter.org



SUMMER ETIQUETTE CAMP

Would you like your child to get a few helpful and fun-filled lessons in manners and proper etiquette this summer? Certified etiquette instructor, SueAnn Brown, owner of It's All About Etiquette, will offer four-day summer etiquette camps for three different age groups. There will be a camp for ages 6-8, ages 9-12 and teens 13-18. Camp runs June and July. For more information and to register, visit our website itsallaboutetiquette.com and scroll down to Summer Camp, or call 480-510-6346.

itsallaboutetiquette.com



SUNSHINE SUNFLOWER ART CAMPS

Join Laurie, a certified K-12 art teacher, this summer for Kids Art Camp for ages 5-10. Kids create projects such as clay sculptures, painting on canvas, paint your own pottery, drawing, and other weekly themes. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Early bird registration discount through 5/1: \$230. After 5/1: \$255. We also offer a 5-week Teen Wheel Throwing Camp for ages 13-17. Early bird until 5/1: \$230. After 5/1: \$255. Class sizes are limited to observe social distancing and masks required. Register on our website.

sunshinesunflower.com



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thehillsschool.org



THE VAULT SCOTTSDALE EDUTAINMENT HUB

Give your incoming K-5 student a summer they will never forget! The Vault Edutainment is a kid-friendly, safe space located in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale. Our week-long thematic summer camps go Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Campers will keep their brains stimulated with a mixture of fun, technology, and academics. Certified teachers, each with over 25 years of experience, and Game Masters are on hand to engage, educate, and entertain the campers. Call us at 602-718-3105 or visit our website for more information.

thevaultedutainment.com



TUTU SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Imagine spending fun-filled camp days exploring the enchanted and enriching world of ballet! On any given day at Tutu Camp, a child might take a ballet class, decorate costumes, learn the story of a famous ballet, or take part in a production of their own creation. Camp sessions focus on a different ballet story from the classical repertoire, and favorites include: Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, The Firebird, and Cinderella. No ballet experience required. For 3 to 8-year-olds.

tutuschool.com/scottsdale/camp