



THINGS TO DO WITH GRANDCHILDREN

IN SUN CITY WEST: (Guest passes are required. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and not interfere with members' peaceful enjoyment of Rec Centers' facilities.) (623) 544-6100. Call for seasonal time changes.

- Swimming -- Children 4 years and older may swim from 10am - 1pm daily at RH Johnson; 1 - 4pm at Beardsley; and 4 - 7pm at Palm Ridge with adult supervision.
- Playground/ Mini-Golf -- Located between R.H. Johnson mini-golf and Maricopa County Events Center (formerly "Sundome"). (Passes not needed.) Call 544-6108.
- Bowling -- Children old enough to use a golf club safely are welcome at both Beardsley and RH Johnson mini-golf courses. Call 544-6108 for scheduled time.
- Billiards -- Available to children who can safely handle a bowling ball. Call 544-6140 for scheduled time.
- Golf -- Available to children over 52" tall who can use a cue stick properly. Call 544-6140 for scheduled times.
- Story Hour -- Children under the age of 12 may play golf if they can show the starter that they understand golf rules and are capable of playing without disturbing the play of members. Call 544-6044 for tee times.
- Story Hour -- Call Sun City West Library at 544-6130 for dates and time.

NEARBY ON THE WEST SIDE OF PHOENIX:

Baseball Spring Training (March), Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Call Ticket Master (480) 784-4444; www.ticketmaster.com for tickets and schedule for San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners games, or City of Surprise Stadium (Off of Bullard and Bell) for Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers games located at Surprise Stadium, 13823 W. Bell Road, (623) 209-8001.

Carousel and Arcade, Arrowhead Towne Center, 89th and Bell Road,

Castles N' Coasters, 9445 N. Metro Parkway (East), (602) 997-7575; www.castlesncoasters@aol.com. Amusement park with go-carts, roller coaster, miniature golf, food and more.

Challenger Space Center, 21170 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria (623) 322-2001; www.azchallenger.org. Explore space, simulated space mission and NASA space craft. Stargaze or participate in other activities.

Deer Valley Rock Art Center, 3771 W. Deer Valley Rd., (623) 582-8007; www.asu.edu/clas/anthropology/dvrac. 1,500 petroglyphs on grounds. Interpretive displays and trails. Story time event.

Desert Schools Coyote Center Ice Skating, 15829 N. 83rd Ave. (623) 334-1200; www.polariceent.com. Two rinks, skate rentals, video arcade, food and viewing area.

Glendale Arena, Phoenix Coyotes (Hockey), Glendale Ave. and Hwy 101, (623) 772-3200; www.phoenixcoyotes.com, and Lacrosse Sting; www.nll.com.

Heard Museum West, 16126 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, (623) 344-2200; www.heard.org.

Horseback Riding at White Tanks Riding Stables, 20300 W. Olive Ave., (623) 935-7455; www.horserentals.com/whitetanks.html.

Lake Pleasant, 99th Ave. North, (602) 977-7377; www.maricopa.gov/parks. Follow signs. A Desert Outdoor Center with 2-mile hiking trail, picnic areas, jet ski rentals, fishing and boat rentals available.

Speedworld Motorplex, 19421 W. Jomax Road (N. on Grand), (623) 388-2424; www.speedworldmotorplex.com.

West Valley Art Museum, 17420 N. Ave. of the Arts, Surprise (623) 972-0635; www.wvam.org.

White Tank Mountains Park, (623) 935-2505; www.maricopa.gov/parks. Take Olive Ave. West into park entrance. Visit their Visitors Center. Hike the Water Fall Trail is easiest with only 1-mile hike with Indian petroglyphs, picnic, or camp.

Wildlife World Zoo, 165th Ave. and Northern (SE corner Northern and Hwy 303), (623) 935-9453; www.wildlifeworld.com. White tigers, giraffe feeding station, wildlife entertainment, train rides, carousel and children's petting area are available.

Rollerplex, 16083 N 75th Ave., (623) 334-8118; www.rollerplex.com. Roller skating, arcade and concession stand. (Weekend public skating only.)

ELSEWHERE IN THE PHOENIX AREA:

Amazing Jake's Pizza Factory, 1830 E. Baseline Road, Mesa, (480) 926-7499; www.amazingjakes.com. Children's games, food and more.

Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington, (602) 716-2000; www.azscience.org. Over 350 "hands-on" children's exhibits and a planetarium with IMAX theatre and food court.

Enchanted Island Amusement Park, 1201 W. Encanto Blvd., (602) 254-1200; www.enchantedisland.com. Park was designed for children 2-10 years old and their families.

Flying Museum, 2017 N. Greenfield Road, Mesa, (480) 924-1940; www.arizonawingcafe.org.

Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., (602) 252-8848; www.heard.org. An internationally acclaimed museum showcasing Southwest Native American history, art and culture. Native American artists demonstrate their skills daily along with special events.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater, 302 West Latham Street, (602) 262-2050, www.azpuppets.org

Hieroglyphic Canyon, (602-225-5200); www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto. Petroglyphs, Lost Dutchman Mine, camping and lodging at Apache Junction and Tonto National Forest.

IMAX Theatre, 5000 Arizona Mills Drive., Tempe, (480) 897-7744; www.imax.com/tempe. Features six-story screen.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Road., (480) 312-2312; www.therailroadpark.com. Two playgrounds, a picnic area, model trains, trains to ride, carousel, and food.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park, Camp Verde, AZ; (928) 567-9294, www.campverde.org.

Phoenix Zoo, 5810 E. Van Buren, off Galvin Pkwy. Papago Park, (602) 273-1341; www.phoenixzoo.org. Over 1,300 animals including endangered or threatened birds, mammals and reptiles from around the world. Next door to Desert Botanical Garden.

Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum, 12 miles north of Bell Rd, off I-17, (623) 465-1052; www.pioneer-arizona.com. Historic buildings, craft demonstrations, wagon tours, and Opera House. Yahoo Stables nearby offer trail rides in surrounding desert.

Rain Forest Cafe, Arizona Mills, Tempe, (480) 752-9100; www.landrys.com. "A wild place to eat and shop."

Rawhide, 5700 West N Loop Road, Chandler (near Gila River Casino), (480) 502-5600; www.rawhide.com. Authentic 1880s western town with gun fights, burro, stagecoach and hay rides, bungee jumping, shops and sundown cookouts. Call for reservations.

South Mountain Park, (602) 534-6324; www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikesoth.html. Walk along primal paths with petroglyphs surrounded by Phoenix metropolis.

Waterworld Safari Water Park, 4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., (623) 581-8446; www.waterslides.com.

DAY TRIPS FROM PHOENIX:

Blazin M Ranch, 20 minutes from Sedona, 5 minutes from Verde Canyon Railroad. 1-800-WEST-643; www.blazinm.com. Chuckwagon suppers and Western Stage Show, shops and sundown cookouts. Call for reservations.

Casa Grande Ruins, (520) 723-3172; www.nps.gov/cagr. Hohokam dwellings with famous Great House, an architectural marvel, with an ancient astronomical observatory.

Desert Voyagers (Rafters), (480) 998-7238; www.desertvoyagers.com. Half-day, scenic river rafting through Sonoran Desert.

Gila River Arts & Crafts Center, 30 miles south of Phoenix off I-10 at Exit 175. (480) 963-3981. Native arts and crafts, museum, and restaurant are features.

Gilbert Riparian Institute, 2757 E. Guadalupe Road.

Goldfield Ghost Town, 3-1/2 miles north of Apache Junction on Hwy 88, (480) 983-0333; www.goldfieldghosttown.com A colorful look at Arizona's mining history with mine tour, narrow-gauge railroad ride, horseback rides and/or helicopter and jeep tours.

Grand Canyon Railway, Williams, Arizona, North I-40 to Exit 163, then follow Grand Canyon Blvd.; 1-800-843-8724; www.thetrain.com

Hohokam Ruins, 9215 S. Park Lane, Tempe (480) 998-1716

Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix (602) 495-0900, www.pueblogrande.com

Sedona Jeep Rides/Pink Jeep Tours, 1-800-873-3662; www.pinkjeep.com, or Sedona Adventures, 1-800-888-9494. Guided tours of beautiful red rock country.

The Skywalk, Grand Canyon West, 1-877-746-9378; www.destinationgrandcanyon.com. New glass bridge over canyon.

Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale, 1-800-293-7245; www.verdecanyonrr.com. A four-hour roundtrip train ride from Clarkdale to deserted Perkinsville Ranch across trestles and through a 680-foot tunnel along Verde River.

Sun City West Visitors Center, 13823 Camino Del Sol, Sun City West, Arizona 85375

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