

2010 Winter/Spring Activities Guide

January — May

Youth Activities

3rd-4th Grade Youth Basketball League

Enjoy a season of basketball. Each child will take home a reversible jersey. Those who register after the deadline will be placed on teams only if space permits.

Registration: Jan. 4 - Feb. 4
 Game Start: Feb. 20
 Location: RCMS Gym
 Fee: \$25

2010 iHoops Skills Challenge

Join the skills challenge sponsored by the NBA and NCAA. Boys and girls are eligible to participate in three competitions at a local, regional, and national level. Champions of each gender at each level advance to the next level. The competitions will test your shooting, rebounding, and passing skills.

Registration: Feb. 20 (on site registration ONLY)
 Date: Feb. 20
 Time: 9-Noon
 Age: 9-14 yrs. (younger ages may participate, but will not be able to advance to sectionals)
 Location: RCMS Gym
 Fee: FREE

Little Longhorns Wrestling

Be a part of the future wrestling team for Payson High School. Each participant will get a Little Longhorns Wrestling shirt, four weeks of wrestling practice, and an end-of-season tournament in the Wilson Dome. Each future wrestler that registers can be a volunteer at the Wrestling Dual State Championship in Payson on February 19th & 20th. See you on the mat!

Registration: Jan. 11 - February 11
 Start Date: February 23
 Age: Grades 3-8
 Location: High School Wrestling Room
 Fee: \$25

Spring Break Rec Program

Certified teachers will lead children in grades K-5 in safe and fun physical and cultural activities over Spring Break. Advance registration is required - this is not a drop-in program. Space is limited.

Registration: February 1 - 25th
 Date: Monday-Thursday, March 8-11
 Time: 8AM-NOON
 Location: Grades K-2 at PHS Old Gym
 Grades 3-5 at JRE Gym
 Fee: \$30 (includes supplies and snacks)

Spring Break Rec Program Sport Camp

Sign up today for the four-day sports camp. Players will have coaches and a week full of sports and activities. Snacks are provided. Sports include Soccer, Flag-Football, Frisbee Golf, Basketball, and Volleyball. Advance registration is required - this is not a drop-in program; 40 spots are available.

Date: Monday-Thursday, March 16-19
 Time: 8AM-NOON
 Location: Grades 3-5 at Rumsey Park Ramada 5
 Fee: \$30 (includes supplies and snacks)

Youth Soccer League

Come have a blast with soccer! Payson loves the sport of soccer, and we want you to be a part of our program. A soccer camp will be provided for coaches and players to kick off the season. Each child who registers will get an official soccer jersey with his/her team. Divisions will be grades Pre-K-K (ages 4-5); 1st & 2nd; 3rd & 4th; 5th & 6th; 7th & 8th; and 9th-12th.

Registration: Jan. 25 - March 8th @ 6 PM
 Start Date: Last week of March
 Age: Pre K - 12th Grade
 Location: Rumsey Park
 Fee: \$25

Youth T-Ball/ Coach Pitch

Join the T-ball league! Nothing is more fun than watching your children play t-ball. Each child that registers will receive a team T-shirt with his/her team. At the 1st and 2nd Grade level, children will have the option of coach-pitch baseball.

Registration: March 22 - May 3
 Games Start: May 22
 Ages: Pre K - 2nd Grade
 Location: Rumsey Park
 Fee: \$25

Adult Sports

Adult Basketball League

Join the winter fun with our adult basketball league. Recreation, Competitive, and 30 & over divisions will be offered with a minimum of four teams per division. Players cannot play in more than one division, with the exception of the 30 & over division. Open gym will be provided at the beginning of the season for practice.

Registration: Jan 5 - Feb. 1
 Start Date: Feb. 15
 Age: 18+ and out of High School
 Location: Payson High School Old Gym
 Fee: \$300



Adult Soccer League

Join Adult Soccer - for the first time, adult soccer is being offered in Payson! Games will be on Mondays and will be officiated. There must be a minimum of 4 teams for the league to work.

Registration: Feb. 15 - March 22
Games Start: April 5
Age: 18+ and out of High School
Location: Rumsey Soccer - North Field
Fee: \$275

Spring Coed Softball League

It's that time of the year again to play softball. Join the adult co-ed softball league. Recreation and competitive divisions will be offered as long as a minimum of four teams sign up for each division. A player cannot participate in more than one division.

Registration: Feb. 22 - March 29
Start Date: April 15
Age: 16+
Location: Rumsey II
Fee: \$250

Outdoor Recreation

GeoKidz "Hurray - It's a Half-Day!" Program

GeoKidz provides a play-based learning environment and nature-centered adventures for elementary aged children. We use a loosely structured approach that encourages children to explore, builds confidence and competence, and helps children rediscover the joy of playing in a natural environment. The program will include field trips to sites and hikes in the Payson area, so children are required to wear good, sturdy walking shoes. Space is limited, so register your child early. You may sign up for all classes at once.

Registration: Now thru April 29
Dates: Wednesday 1/2 days - Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5
Time: 12 Noon - 4 PM
Age: 1st-5th graders
Location: Rumsey Park, Ramada #5 - will include off-site field trips and hiking, weather-permitting
Fee: \$15/day

Waterfowl 101 - Arizona Game and Fish Department

This seminar is provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Migratory Game Bird Supervisor, Mike Rabe, on waterfowl natural history and identification. The class will include a brief slideshow and presentation, followed by identification of waterfowl in Green Valley Park. Participants should bring binoculars if they have them, but extras will be available.

Registration: Now thru Monday, January 17
Dates: Tuesday, January 19- 3:45-4:45PM
(1/2 day of school)
Age: All ages
Location: Parks & Recreation office
Fee: \$5

After-School Archery Program

Register your child in grades 4-12 for the After-School Archery Pilot Program, offered in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The 4-week program will meet twice a week at the Julia Randall Elementary School gym. Classes will be taught by Certified Archery Instructors. Register now thru March 18.

Date: Every Tues., & Thurs., Mar. 30-April 22
Ages: 4th-12th grades
Time: 4-5:00PM or 5:15-6:15PM
Location: JRE Gym
Fee: \$30

Watchable Wildlife 101: Wildlife Viewing Basics by the Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

Register today to learn how to view wildlife responsibly to minimize impact on the animals, the habitat, and other nature enthusiasts from Joe Yarchin, Arizona Game and Fish Urban and Watchable Wildlife Program Manager.

Date: Wednesday, February 10 (1/2 day of school)
Time: 1-2PM
Location: Parks & Recreation Office
Fee: \$5



Wilderness First Aid Basics - American Red Cross

This comprehensive two-day course is designed to teach participants and outdoor enthusiasts the skills needed to survive in an emergency medical situation until help is available. Upon successful completion of the class, participants will receive a Wilderness First Aid certification, valid for three years. Prerequisites: CPR certification is not required although it is HIGHLY recommended. Register now thru January 20.

Date: Saturday & Sunday, February 6-7th
Time: 9AM-6PM
Location: Payson Police Department
Fee: \$135

Optimist Fishing Festival

Bring your children to the 4th Annual Rim Country Optimist Club's Kids Fishing Festival. There will be lots of fun for the entire family, including fishing clinics provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and food to purchase, provided by the Optimists. This event is offered in conjunction with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Payson Community Christian School and the Parks & Rec. Department.

Date: Saturday, March 27
Time: 8AM-3PM
Location: Green Valley Park
Fee: FREE

Introduction to Fly Fishing 101 & 102

This two-session class, given by the Payson Flycasters Club and co-sponsored by Payson Parks & Recreation, will teach you the basics of fly-fishing for successful ventures in Payson and around the Rim Country. The first class in this series focuses on specific fly-fishing history and information. The second class will include hands-on fly-fishing techniques at Green Valley Lake. For more information contact Mary McMullen, Trails & Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, at 474-5242 x 358.

Dates: Saturday, March 13, 9am-Noon & Saturday, March 20, 9am-11am
Ages: Ages 12 and up
Location: Parks & Recreation Office
Fee: \$10 for both sessions

Kids Fishing Class – Grades 1-5

1st thru 5th graders can learn age-appropriate fishing techniques from Mark Kile, professional bass fisherman, at Green Valley Lake. All fishing equipment and bait for the day is provided.

Date: May 5 (1/2 day of school)
Time: 12-1:30PM
Location: Parks & Recreation Office
Fee: \$5

Kids Fishing Class – Grades 6-12

6th-12th graders can learn age-appropriate fishing techniques from Mark Kile, professional bass fisherman, at Green Valley Lake. All fishing equipment and bait for the day is provided.

Date: May 5 (1/2 day of school with PUSD)
Time: 1:30-3PM
Location: Parks & Recreation Office
Fee: \$5

Dog First Aid and CPR Certification Course

The American Red Cross has released its new Dog First Aid course. The three-hour class will cover many issues that dog owner's experience, including what is normal for your dog, what are common ailments, what situations are life threatening, how to handle choking and CPR for a dog, and what should be in your dog's first aid kit. Fee does not include the book or DVD, which can be purchased on-site separately. Register today - space is limited!

Date: Monday, Feb., 20, 8am-Noon
Ages: All ages
Location: Payson Police Department
Fee: \$25/person

Bat Night with the Arizona Game and Fish Department

Join retired AZGFD Bat Biologist, Nancy Renison, for an evening of bat watching and listening at Green Valley Lake. Learn about these mysterious flyers, how they navigate and capture their insect prey, and listen to their vocalizations. You're 'guano' love it!

Dates: Thursday, April 29 - 6:30PM-7:30PM
Age: All ages
Location: Parks & Recreation office
Fee: \$5 (ages 12 and up) - younger children are free

Dutch Oven Cooking

Ready to "Wow!" your family and friends with your gourmet camp-cooking skills? Register now thru Thursday, April 8th. Learn how to cook main dishes, desserts and fresh bread from award-winning Dutch Oven cooking instructors. Registrants will get hands-on experience cooking their own dish and loaner ovens will be available.

Date: Saturday, April 17
Time: 9AM-3PM
Location: Rumsey Park, Ramada #4
Fee: \$30



15th Annual Payson Wildlife Fair

Join us for a fantastic day at Green Valley Park of wildlife-based activities during the 15th Annual Payson Wildlife Fair, an annual cooperative event between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Mogollon Sporting Association, US Forest Service and Payson Parks & Rec. Department. Parents and kids can fish for free if they register with AZGFD during the event, play games and get a close-up look at wildlife.

Date: Saturday May 8
Time: 9AM-3PM
Location: Green Valley Park
Fee: FREE

PATS Hikes

Like to hike but not sure where to go? Join us for a FREE group hike on one of the PATS and US Forest Service routes. Check out the hikes we have scheduled below. Don't forget your hiking boots, water and walking sticks! Pre-registration is preferred, but can be done on-site prior to the hike. Dogs must be on a leash or under verbal control of their owners.

PATS Hike – American Gulch South

3 miles roundtrip - Level of Difficulty: Moderate

This route includes majestic views off of high-points in the Rim Country towards Fossil Creek, along with mountain meadows with wildflowers. Don't forget your hiking boots and water.

Date: Saturday, January 9
Time: 9AM
Location: American Gulch South Trailhead - 2.6 miles west of Hwy 87 on Main Street/Doll Baby Ranch Rd.
Fee: FREE

PATS Hike – Monument Peak Loop Trail

3 miles -Level of Difficulty: Easy

This beautiful route features occasional views of the Rim, an easy route and a year-round spring.

Date: Saturday, February 13
Time: 9AM
Location: Monument Peak Loop Trailhead is 3.3 miles east of Highway 260 on Granite Dells Road
Fee: FREE

PATS Hike – Cypress Trail

4 miles Roundtrip- Level of Difficulty: Moderate

This route from the Cypress Trail Access off of Granite Dells Road features amazing natural boulder piles, views of the Granite Dells, and some challenging granite slopes with loose rocks. Come prepared with your hiking sticks for this one!

Date: Saturday, March 6
Time: 9AM
Location: Cypress Trail Access off of Granite Dells Road - 2 miles east of Hwy 260 on Granite Dells Road. There is limited parking, so participants should park on the side of the road where the shoulder allows on either side of the trail access.
Fee: FREE

PATS Hike – Boulders Loop Trail

3 miles - Level of Difficulty: Moderate

The Boulders Loop Trail is a local favorite with its majestic boulder piles, seasonal running water, views of the Granite Dells and periodic shade.

Date: Saturday, April 10

Time: 8:30AM

Location: Meet at the Boulders Trailhead, which is 3.7 miles east of Hwy 260 at the end of Granite Dells Road.

Fee: FREE

PATS Hike – Houston Loop Trail

5 miles Roundtrip - Level of Difficulty: Moderate

The 4 mile loop will also include an extra 0.5 mile in and out from the Mayfield Canyon Road access. Be prepared for gorgeous views of the Mogollon Rim, along with regular inclines and declines on this old trail, originally built as a road for the US Government during the Cold War Era.

Date: Saturday, May 1

Time: 8:30AM

Location: Meet at the intersection of Mayfield Canyon Road and Hwy 260 in Star Valley - there is an open parking area at this location, then participants will drive in tandem to the start of the hike.

Fee: FREE

Special Events

Spring Stampede Race – 10k

Welcome Spring in the Rim Country with a high altitude 10k. Race course includes a monstrous hill with majestic Mogollon Rim views. Entry fee is \$20 before February 25. Late registration is \$25. Day-of registration is available however, there is no sweatshirt guarantee for late registration. Awards go to the top overall winners in both men's and women's Divisions as well as for top 3 finishers in age categories. Race will be chip timed. Course time limit 2 hours.

Date: Saturday, March 13

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Rumsey Park, Taylor Pool parking lot

Fee: \$20

Lifeguard Training

This training is for anyone 15 years and older who would like to become a certified lifeguard. Lifeguard certifications are required for employment at any aquatic facility. Training during spring break. For specific dates and times contact Parks & Recreation 474-5242 x7. Fee is \$50.

Eggstravaganza

The 17th Annual Eggstravaganza is for children ages 12 & under. Children can collect eggs filled with candy. The scramble times are approximate. After the first round, it's approximately 15 minutes between age groups. Kids may get their picture taken with a giant bunny for a donation. Event is FREE.

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010

Times: Ages 0 - 3 @ 9:30 AM, Ages 4 & 5 @ 9:45 AM
Ages 6 & 7 @ 10:00 AM, Ages 8 & 9 @ 10:15 AM
Ages 10-12 @ 10:30, Special Needs@ 10:45

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Location: North Rumsey Park, Rumsey 2 ball field

Fee: Free

Civil War Reenactment

Date: April 10, 2010

Time: 11am - 5pm

Location: Green Valley Park

Admission: FREE

The setting is Spring 1862 and the story is unfolding... "What if Payson had been at the crossroads of the grand drama of the American Civil War?"

General Information

Reservations & Refunds

Picnic Ramada and ball field reservations can be made through the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. Prices will vary for each facility. Reservations are for Rumsey Park only and need to be made at least one week in advance. Weeks run Thursday-Wednesday. No refunds will be offered for cancelled reservations. Credits will be issued for those who submit cancellation notice to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office at least 15 days prior to the reservation date. Green Valley Park picnic Ramadas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds or credits will be issued one week prior to the start of a program or event.

Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited within Payson parks without a special permit. Violators are subject to fines.

Park Watch

The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department requests that anyone who observes or has knowledge of vandalism at any Payson park to please contact our department at 474-5242, x 7.

Fishing Regulations at Green Valley Park

As part of the Arizona Game and Fish Urban Fishing Program, Green Valley Lakes are stocked with 300 lbs. of trout every two weeks from October through May. All Arizona Game and Fish regulations for fishing are in effect. Anyone 14 years of age or older must possess a valid Arizona urban fishing license. Bag limits are four fish per day or two per day for children younger than 14.

Handicap Accessibility

The Payson Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department complies with the American Disabilities Act. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in any activity or event listed in the brochure. Please call in advance regarding special accommodations.

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