



## VETERANS OASIS PARK



2008 Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Winner – First Place  
Crescordia Award for Park Site Development and Landscape  
2008 American Crown Community for Outstanding Leadership in  
Local Government for Interdepartmental Collaboration

### A NOTE ABOUT EEC CLASSES OPEN TO ALL AGES

Please note the following guidelines for EEC programs that are listed for "All ages". If the program is free, registration is generally not required. If the program involves a fee, then advance registration is always required. For "All ages" programs with fees, children less than six years old are admitted for free and do not need to be pre-registered, as long as they are accompanied by a paid adult. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times; "drop-offs" are not allowed. For programs that children can attend alone, please see the pre-school, youth, and teen sections of Break Time. These programs are great for special groups, such as scout, school, homeschool, and parents' groups! If you'd like to bring a group of ten people or more, please contact us in advance.

### A NOTE ABOUT EEC PROGRAMS THAT TAKE PLACE OUTDOORS

Many of the EEC's programs take place outdoors. For outdoor programs, please come prepared with comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, sun protection, water, and snacks. Inclement weather may cause an outdoor program to be altered or cancelled. If weather may be an issue, please call the EEC program hotline at 480-782-2889.

### FREE PROGRAMS – NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### SONORAN SUNSET SERIES

**FREE!**

Visit the EEC this fall for live, lakeside entertainment for the whole family! Each month features a different performer; see our web site for details. S'mores, hot cocoa and other snacks will be available for a small fee.

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff  
Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
902EE.150	Th 9/9	6-7 p.m.	All ages
903EE.150	Th 10/14	6-7 p.m.	All ages
904EE.140	W 11/10	6-7 p.m.	All ages

#### URBAN FISHING CLINIC & OUTDOOR SAFETY EVENT **FREE!**

Sport fishing instructors from the AZ Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) will provide a limited supply of bait and loaner rods. Participants who register at the AZGFD booth during the event may fish without a license during clinic hours. This fishing clinic takes place as part of the Fall Outdoor Safety Event presented in collaboration with the Chandler Police Department.

Instructor: AZ Game and Fish Department  
Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
909EE.170	Sa 11/13	8 a.m.-noon	All ages



The EEC will provide the public a **FREE** sampling of the types of activities that take place during our regularly scheduled classes, programs, parties, and special events. Meet EEC staff and instructors to find out what the EEC is all about!

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff  
Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-Resident fee: \$0		
914EE.150	Th 10/21	5:30-7:30 p.m.	All ages



## Environmental Education Center at Veterans Oasis Park

### CONTACTS & CLASS LOCATIONS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd.  
(on the northeast corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads)  
480-782-2890 • EEC@chandleraz.gov  
www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis

**Sandra Muñoz-Weingarten, Naturalist, 480-782-2887**

Daniella Lamis, Recreation Leader II, 480-782-2890

Hotline for program updates: 480-782-2889

*All class fees are paid during the registration process. All instructor and supply fees must be paid to your instructor at the first class.*

**\*\*Pre-registration is required for all programs unless specified otherwise.\*\***

#### STAR PARTY

**FREE!**

The East Valley Astronomy Club bring their telescopes for visitors to explore Arizona's amazing night sky! Visitors may see the moon, planets, double stars, nebulae, star clusters, and more. Inside the EEC (5:30-6:30 p.m.) there will be a presentation about a special astronomy topic. Telescope viewing (6:30-9 p.m.) takes place outside at the east end of the parking lot. An optional \$5 donation is requested for the indoor presentation.

Instructor: East Valley Astronomy Volunteers & EEC Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
905EE.170	Sa 12/11	5:30-9 p.m.	All ages

#### MONTHLY FAMILY BIRDWALK

**FREE!**

The Desert Rivers Audubon Society leads guided birdwatching tours through Veterans Oasis Park. Come observe the many species of wild birds that populate central Arizona's desert and wetland habitats. Liberty Wildlife will also be on hand with live, captive birds that you can view up close. Walks begin every 30 minutes and last 60 minutes. Last walk starts by 11 p.m.

Instructor: Desert Rivers Audubon Society

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
907EE.170	Sa 10/2	8 a.m.-noon	All ages
908EE.170	Sa 11/6	8 a.m.-noon	All ages

#### BUTTERFLY BASH

**FREE!**

Monarch butterflies pass through Veterans Oasis Park during their fall migration. This event celebrates Monarchs and other beautiful butterflies through games, crafts, guided walks, information booths, and presentations.

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff & Guests

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
906EE.170	Sa 10/2	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	All ages

#### WALK WITH THE DRAGONFLIES AND BUTTERFLIES **FREE!**

Join a naturalist for a guided walk to observe the many species of dragonflies, damselflies, and butterflies buzzing about the desert and wetland habitats at Veterans Oasis Park. The walks are not fast-paced. The terrain is easy. There is a suggested \$5 donation to the EEC. Optional guidebooks are available for sale. Meet at the Curve-Billed Thrasher ramada, which is second ramada to the east of the EEC.

Instructor: Laurie Nessel of Maricopa Audubon Society

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
910EE.170	Sa 10/2	8:30-10 a.m.	All ages
911EE.170	Sa 11/13	8:30-10 a.m.	All ages

#### COFFEE WITH A NATURALIST

**FREE!**

Come meet the EEC's naturalists and share a chat about nature over a cup of coffee (or a beverage of your choice). We'll supply the beverages—all you need to bring are ideas for conversation! (There is a suggested donation of \$3.)

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff & Volunteers

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$0	Non-resident fee: \$0		
912EE.160	F 9/17	9-10 a.m.	All ages

**GUEST SPEAKER SERIES AT THE EEC**

**FREE!**

Once each season, the EEC hosts a guest speaker. In October, members of the Arizona Herpetological Association will deliver a fun presentation about reptiles in Arizona. The presentation will feature live reptiles, including snakes!

Instructor: Arizona Herpetological Association  
Location: Environmental Education Center

**Resident fee: \$0 Non-resident fee: \$0**  
913EE.140 Sa 10/23 Noon-1 p.m. All ages

**ALL AGES PROGRAMS – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
(Unless otherwise noted)

**GEOCACHING—A HIGH-TECH TREASURE HUNT!**

Learn how to use a GPS unit to engage in the sport of geocaching! Geocaches are hidden worldwide, and Veterans Oasis Park has some of its own. Want to know where they are? Sign up for this program! GPS units are provided.

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$9 Non-resident fee: \$13**  
922EE.170 Sa 10/16 9-11 a.m. All ages

**AN EVENING AT “CAMP EEC”**

Join us for an evening of camping-themed activities at the EEC. Meet some nocturnal animals, help set up “camp”, take a night hike, and cook some yummy s’mores! This is not an overnight program.

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$8 Non-resident fee: \$11**  
915EE.150 Th 10/28 6-7:45 p.m. All ages

**FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY**

**FREE!**

Bring the family out to the Environmental Education Center to participate in fun, environmentally-based service projects. The weather will be great, and it’s a perfect time of year to give something back to the community!

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$0 Non-resident fee: \$0**  
988EE.170 Sa 11/20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All ages

**LET’S TAG A MONARCH BUTTERFLY!**

Dazzling Monarch butterflies are journeying through Arizona on a feat of endurance—their fall migration. By carefully catching, tagging, and releasing Monarch butterflies, we can learn about where they go on their migration. Find out how to join this citizen-science study and create a “Monarch oasis” in your yard. No drop-offs allowed. Adult supervision required.

Instructor: Gail Morris Instructor fee: \$0 Supply fee: \$2

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$8 Non-resident fee: \$11**  
916EE.170 Sa 10/2 8:30-10 a.m. All ages

**TUESDAY TELESCOPE NIGHTS (DROP-IN PROGRAM)**

The EEC will set-up a powerful telescope to allow visitors to view the night sky. No pre-registration required. Event will be canceled in case of inclement weather. Call 480-782-2889 if the weather is questionable.

Instructor: Howard Israel  
Location: Environmental Education Center

**Resident fee: \$3 Non-resident fee: \$5**  
924EE.130 Tu 9/7 6:45-7:45 p.m. All ages  
925EE.130 Tu 10/5 6:45-7:45 p.m. All ages  
926EE.130 Tu 11/9 7-8 p.m. All ages

**MOONWALK**

See a presentation about the moon, explore Veterans Oasis Park on a night hike, and observe the moon through a telescope! Call the EEC program update hotline if the weather is questionable.

Instructor: Howard Israel  
Location: Environmental Education Center

**Resident fee: \$8 Non-resident fee: \$11**  
919EE.130 Tu 11/30 6:15-7:45 p.m. All ages

**SPOOKY SPECIES**

Participants will get to interact with some live animals—spooky species and creepy crawlies—that represent the Halloween season! Program also includes a fun lesson in wildlife rescue and conservation.

Instructor: Lisa Limbert of Lisa’s Creatures and East Valley Wildlife  
Location: Environmental Education Center

**Resident fee: \$6 Non-resident fee: \$9**  
929EE.170 Sa 10/30 11-11:45 a.m. All ages

**PUMPKIN PARTY - SEEDS-TO-STEM**

Come join the fun as we decorate and deconstruct our harvest pumpkins. Examples will be provided of mindful ways to utilize each and every part of this amazing vegetable without wasting a seed! Pumpkins and supplies provided. Pre-registration required, but participants may arrive any time.

Instructor: EEC Staff Instructor fee: \$0 Supply fee: \$5

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$6 Non-resident fee: \$9**  
927EE.150 Th 10/28 4-6 p.m. All ages  
928EE.170 Sa 10/30 10 a.m.-noon All ages  
928EE.150 Th 11/18 4-6 p.m. All ages

**TRY A “NATURE FUN PACK”**

If you’ve been wondering what there is to do at Veterans Oasis Park and Environmental Education Center, try this program, which will introduce you to our new Nature Fun Packs and show you all of the great activities that can be done with the equipment included inside. Great for groups and families!

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$6 Non-resident fee: \$9**  
923EE.170 Sa 10/9 9-10 a.m. All ages

**MEET THE CREATURE! (ALL AGES)**

In this interactive program, participants will get up close and personal with live animals while receiving a fun lesson in wildlife rescue and conservation. Each month will feature different fascinating animals from around the world.

Instructor: Lisa Limbert of Lisa’s Creatures and East Valley Wildlife

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$6 Non-resident fee: \$9**  
917EE.170 Sa 9/25 11-11:45 a.m. All ages  
918EE.170 Sa 11/6 11-11:45 a.m. All ages

**GRANDPARENTS DAY – BREAKFAST WITH THE SNAKES**

Grandparents can enjoy a light breakfast with their family while sharing an experience with nature. Learn about Arizona’s snakes, watch snakes eat their own breakfast, and pose for a family photo with live snakes on exhibit at the EEC! Event takes place the day before Grandparents Day.

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center  
**Resident fee: \$14 Non-resident fee: \$19**  
900EE.170 Sa 9/11 8:30-9:30 a.m. All ages  
901EE.170 Sa 9/11 10-11 a.m. All ages

**Owl's Nest Nature Store**  
Inside the Environmental Education Center

Featuring a unique selection of waste-free lunch items, books, plush animal puppets, and gifts for nature lovers of all ages.

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by in November to see our selection of holiday-themed items!

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