



Receive a gift if you can identify this common object to the EEC front desk

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Many of the EEC's programs take place outdoors. For these 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.

CONTACTS & CLASS LOCATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

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Bird Habitat Recognition –
Desert Rivers Audubon Society



Certified Wildlife Habitat –
National Wildlife Federation

▶ EEC HOURS! ◀

Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sept.-May)

8 a.m.-2 p.m. (June-August)

(Closed Sundays and City of Chandler holidays).

Veterans Oasis Park is open daily, 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

UPCOMING signature Programs and events

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ARE:

- FREE
- Open to the public
- Appropriate for all ages
- Large-scale activities that require no pre-registration
- Unique to the EEC and Veterans Oasis Park

Environmental Education Center

Save the Date SONORAN SUNSET SERIES



FREE, monthly entertainment held September-March at
Veterans Oasis Park
The third Thursday of the month • 6-7 p.m.

MARCH 19 The Knock Abouts

For more information on these and
other upcoming concerts visit our website

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Take a self-guided journey along the Chandler Solar System Walk, a series of monuments and signs representing the sun, planets and other objects in our solar system, placed at scale distances along the pathway that surrounds the park's lake. This is an easy, 1/2 mile walk. Great for all ages! Stop inside the Center to pick up an information packet. Visit www.chandlersolarsystemwalk.com.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, AND ARBOR DAY AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 • 9 a.m.-NOON

4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd.
(northeast corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads)

FREE Admission!

Experience hands-on activities, live animal presentations, and discover ways to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle from onsite vendors and exhibitors. This year's event will feature beverage vendors, merchants, prize giveaways, and special outdoor activities!

More information at
www.chandleraz.gov/eec



4th Annual



NATURE PHOTO CONTEST

Nature photographers are invited to join our photo competition! 1. Stewardship in the park; 2. A new generation; 3. Natives of the park. Entries will be accepted at the EEC beginning Dec. 8, 2014 through March 13, 2015. All photos must be taken in Veterans Oasis Park. Winners will include a People's Choice Award, a Grand Prize and a first and second place in each category. To download a copy of the official contest policy and entry form please visit www.chandleraz.gov/eec. All photos will be on display in the Environmental Education Center from March 17, 2015 to April 29, 2015 with winners being announced at the Earth Day Celebration.

Resident fee: \$3 Non-resident fee: \$5
12/8-3/13 16 yrs+

EEC Exhibit

Conservation Corner- Each season the Conservation Corner will highlight a different research topic. Become familiar with individuals who are making a difference and bringing awareness to important environmental issues. On display from March-May.

FAMILY CAMP FIRE

The whole family will enjoy an evening camp fire at Veterans Oasis Park complete with songs, skits, desserts, and of course, a camp fire! All family members are welcome to attend this special event. The Camp Fire will be held at the Phainopepla Ramada, located on the North East side of the lake. Please bring folding camp chairs to sit in around the fire. Dinner is not provided- only desserts. ALL those in attendance must pay the registration fee. Children two and under are free. Parental supervision and assistance is required.

Location: Veterans Oasis Park

Resident fee: \$3 **Non-resident fee: \$5**
 F 4/3 6:30-8:30 p.m. All ages



Free Family Activities

****Registration for the following programs is NOT required, but large groups of 10 or more must call in advance: 480-782-2890. All participants under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.****

FRIDAY FEEDING FRENZY!

Have you ever wondered what the live animals at the EEC eat for dinner? Have you ever seen a snake stalk its prey? Join the EEC staff on the third Friday of each month for a live animal feeding. Meet the animals in our nature center and learn about their diets. Stick around and watch the animals being fed.

Instructor: EEC Volunteer
 F 3/20 3:30-4 p.m. All ages
 F 4/17 3:30-4 p.m. All ages
 F 5/15 3:30-4 p.m. All ages

MONTHLY FAMILY BIRDWALKS

Desert Rivers Audubon leads free guided bird watching tours through Veterans Oasis Park the first Saturday of every month from November-April. One-hour walks begin every 30 minutes starting at 8 a.m. Be prepared for the outdoors! Sun protection, closed-toe footwear, and drinking water are recommended. Meet at the Red-Tailed Hawk Pavilion.

Instructor: Desert Rivers Audubon Volunteers
 Sa 3/7 8 a.m.-noon All ages
 Sa 4/4 8 a.m.-noon All ages
 Sa 5/2 8 a.m.-noon All ages

Demos in the Desert:

FABULOUS FLORA AND FAUNA

Spring time is when many plants exhibit their showiness of vibrant colors and scents to attract animals that aid in pollination. Learn how pollination works and why it is so important through hands-on demonstrations.

Sa 4/11 9-11 a.m. All ages

Spring Featured Classes

PRESCHOOL

BUTTERFLY BALLERINAS (PAGE 35)

Come craft and play! Each student will decorate his/her own set of wings to wear and keep. We will also explore the butterfly lifecycle and butterfly behaviors. Fly over for some fun! Ballet or street shoes are appropriate.

YOUTH

ART IN THE PARK (PAGE 40)

Come and express your creativity in this two part family series. The first class will consist of making all natural paint to create a unique portrait of Veterans Oasis Park. Our second class will be all about gardens! We will discuss what to plant for the spring and use recyclable items to create garden markers for our plants. Don't miss out on the fun!

ALL AGES

GREAT ARIZONA PUPPET THEATRE – HOTEL SAGUARO (PAGE 35)

Come get introduced to Sammy, a young saguaro who doesn't know if he wants to be a cactus. His Grandpa teaches him how important the saguaro is to different plants and animals living in the Sonoran desert. The show is 45 minutes in length and parent/guardians are required to register. Please register no later than March 5 to ensure the performance will maintain the show date and time offered.

TEEN/ADULT

ECOLOGY IN YOUR BACKYARD (PAGE 66) **NEW!**

Have you ever wondered what kind of animals live near your home or how a cactus can endure scorching summers year after year? Learn about habitats, food chains and adaptations of the various Sonoran Desert species. Discover how humans can influence resources and populations in your area. A companion course offers a more in depth and hands on nature walk in Veterans Oasis Park.



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

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