



CITY OF CHANDLER

November 2011–January 2012

Therapeutic Recreation

TALK OF THE TOWN



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE



MISTLETOE MAGIC DANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011
MESA CONVENTION CENTER—NEW LOCATION
(201 N. CENTER ST. BLDG. B)
6:00 - 9:00 PM

THIS EVENT INCLUDES A DANCE, CATERED DINNER, CORSAGES AND BOUTONNIERES, AND A FORMAL PICTURE WITH SANTA!

\$25 RESIDENTS, \$34 NON-RESIDENTS, \$15 CHAPERONES
ACTIVITY CODE: #803TR.272

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year at Chandler's Parade of Lights, Chandler Therapeutic Recreation participants sell glow necklaces to all the anxious parade viewers up and down Arizona Ave. We could use your help! Come out and sell more necklaces than ever! All proceeds go to help Chandler Therapeutic Recreation Programs. Bring out your friends and family and enjoy the magic of the Chandler Parade of Lights!

Saturday, December 3

Contact Collette for more information and to sign up at 480-782-2709.



Quarterly Family Support Group

"SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHANDLER OVERVIEW"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

6:30 pm

Chandler Senior Center - 202 E. Boston St.

This is a night to learn about almost everything involving Special Olympics, Young Athletes, 8 Can't Wait or Unified Sports in Chandler including everything you might want to know about our sports, RAD and our year-round training calendar. Come ask questions, make connections, share success stories, and learn about upcoming programs to be better prepared for 2012!!!

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Sign Language Interpreter: Stefani Larsen

SOCIAL PROGRAM, SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND CLASS REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please take the time to fill out the registration form for each event you would like to participate in (unless noted that separate registration is needed) so we can process your registrations easier.

Registration is NOT accepted over the phone.

Please send all registration materials to:

Chandler Parks and Recreation

Attention: TR Registration

Mail Stop 501, PO Box 4008

Chandler, Arizona 85244-4008

Faxes are accepted ONLY when no payment is required or payment is made by credit card. Our fax number is 480-782-2725.

ACTIVITY, TRIP AND CLASS REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Registration

- Complete the Activity and Trip Registration form and sign for each activity, trip, etc. Multiple activities, classes and trips may be submitted on one form. A receipt will be issued for your registration. No registration forms will be processed without payment. Space is limited so please register early!
- Submit the Activity and Trip Registration form with your payment. Payments can be made by MC, Visa, AMEX, debit cards, cash or check.
- Online registration is also available! Log onto www.chandleraz.gov and create your personal account with which you can register yourself for activities! No more stamps needed!

Cancellation & Refunds

- All cancellations must be made in person or by telephone 24 hours in advance (weekends not included) of the trip or activity to receive a refund. When refunds are processed, credit or debit cards will be refunded within 3-4 days. Cash and check refunds will take up to two weeks.

Waiting List

- A waiting list is available for those who want to register for an activity that is already full. Please complete and submit the registration form. No payment is required to be placed on the waiting list. Payment will be due when taken off the waiting list and enrolled in the activity.

I HEARD IT THRU THE GRAPEVINE

- ◆ Congratulations goes to Andrew Dysko and his best buddy and our very own staff member, Austin Rector, who were nominated and won a national award from Best Buddies called “The Spirit of Friendship” Award. Wow, we have fame in Chandler!! Way to go, guys!
- ◆ Jeremy Nelson helped Special Olympics Arizona at Fall Championships by leading the athletes in the Special Olympics Oath for opening ceremonies. Thank you, Jeremy, for representing Chandler well.
- ◆ Jackie Sager was seen at Fall Championship’s opening ceremonies running with Law Enforcement leading the way to carry the torch. You are a speed demon, Jackie! Thank you for being part of Chandler.
- ◆ Cathy Yamashiro, a parent of an athlete, was nominated at her work for “Volunteer of the Year “ and she won! As the winner, she picked Special Olympics to receive the donation and so Chandler received \$1000 on her behalf. Congratulations and Thank you, Cathy!!!
- ◆ Another parent, Greg Morales, nominated Special Olympics Arizona for Chandler to receive \$2500 as the beneficiary of a golf tournament hosted by his international company.

We are very grateful to have such wonderful parents, athletes, and staff involved in our programs.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: David Dousette



A native from Mesa, Arizona, David Dousette is a phenomenal athlete! He showed the whole state his skills a couple of weekends ago at the softball state competition in Surprise, Arizona. David caught several high balls from his short stop position and knocked out several pitches to help his teammates run home.

David can’t wait for basketball to start in the spring so he can show us what he can do then! When not playing special Olympic sports, David works at Fry’s helping to carry out grocery bags and plays the Wii at home. David is a very sweet and polite young man with very good taste—his favorite food is pizza and his favorite pie is pumpkin! Good thing we’re coming up on pumpkin pie season! David has been living in Chandler for 15 years and has been competing with Chandler Special Olympics for the past 2 years. We’re so happy to have his happy and friendly face around! Thank you, David!

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SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

Recreational Horseback Riding

This program is specifically designed for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. Riders will benefit physically, emotionally, and mentally through interaction with the horses, instructors, volunteers and fellow students. Riders will also learn to care for the horses. (Each rider must have a medical release form on file before the first class.)

Mondays, January 9 - March 12

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Valley Silver Bullets
43757 N. Coyote Rd.,

San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

Class Fee: \$20 residents,

\$27 non-residents

Activity Code: #802TR.222

Ages 5 and older



FALL GAMES 2011!!!



Young Athletes Program

Therapeutic play with large hoops, large balls, and cones help kids with developmental disabilities learn about sports. This program is designed for kids who want to stretch, swing, tumble, dance, and learn the basics of sports in a fun, active environment.

Thursdays, January 19 - February 23

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Chandler Community Center—Room 204
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Class fee: FREE-all fees are paid by RAD

Activity Code: #804TR.252

Ages 3 - 7



REC - Recreation Everyone Can!

Healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle are important for all of us. Come experience stretching, cooking, and recreation planning and learn about a healthy leisure lifestyle.

Tuesdays, January 31 - March 20

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Chandler Senior Center
202 E. Boston St.

Class Fee: \$20 residents,

\$27 non-residents

Activity Code: #801TR.232

Ages 10 and older



TWEEN'S TIME OUT - FOR AGES 10 AND UP

Friday, December 9 - RAD Movie Night: The Muppets



- **Activity Code: #801TR.262**
- **Cost: FREE - Sponsored by RAD**
- The Muppets, along with 3 of their biggest fans, need to ban together to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon! Come out to catch a movie with your friends! There will be drinks and popcorn included!
- **Location: Drop off at Harkins at Chandler Fashion Mall (3159 W. Chandler Mall)**
- **Drop-off: 6:00 pm/Pick-up: 9:15 pm**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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Basketball Skills

Are you new to basketball and want to try it out? Come learn to chest pass, bounce pass, dribble, shoot, and score! These are some of the skills you will learn and use in competition at the end of the season.

Tuesdays, January 24 - March 20

5:00 - 6:00 pm

To Be Announced

Class Fee: \$20 (paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #805TR.232

Ages 6 and older



Traditional Cheer Squad

Come learn some cheers and a choreographed dance to cheer on our Chandler Cougars! Take those cheers to competition at area and state tournaments.

Tuesday, January 17 - March 20

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Willis Jr. High

401 S. McQueen Rd.

Class Fee: \$20 (Paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #807TR.232

Ages 8 and older



Traditional Basketball

Are you familiar with basketball? Do you want to run the court, shoot hoops and play on a team? This program is for Special Olympic athletes who are familiar with basic basketball and can run the court to play in games.

Mondays, January 9 - March 19

7:00 - 8:15 pm

Willis Jr. High

401 S. McQueen Rd.

Class Fee: \$20 (Paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #806TR.242



Unified Cheer Squad

Come join the Chandler High School cheerleaders to cheer on our own Chandler Cougars and learn cheers for competition at area and state tournaments. 100% attendance is required. This program is for athletes that have cheered before with the Chandler Cougars.

Thursdays, January 19 - March 22

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Willis Jr. High

401 S. McQueen Rd.

Class fee: \$20 (Paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #810TR.232

Ages 16 and older



Unified Basketball

Unified Basketball is for those athletes that can keep up with a fast-paced team while focusing on the true skills of basketball through on-court coaching from partners. Unified basketball participates in a traveling league during February and March.

Wednesdays, December 7 - March 21

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Willis Jr. High

401 S. McQueen Rd.

Class fee: Free (Paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #809TR.242

Ages 16 and older

*No practice on 12/28



Unified Flag Football

Throw, run, or pull flags. Flag football is part of Special Olympics and a whole lot of fun. Teams will be created with non-disabled partners to learn the skills of football while preparing to compete at the state competition.

Saturdays, December 3 - March 10

8:30 - 10:00 am

Pima Park Soccer Field

625 N. McQueen Rd.

Class Fee: FREE (paid by RAD)

Activity Code: #811TR.272

Ages 16 and older

* practice on February 4 and December 17 will be held at Desert Breeze Park



FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL CLUB

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 18 - Holiday Cooking Night



- **Activity Code: #818SC.262**
- Cost: \$3 residents, \$5 non-residents
- Ages 16 and older
- We're coming up on the holiday season where we get together as friends and family and... EAT! We're going to teach you some easy recipes that you can bring to your next festive gathering to wow your loved ones!
- Location: Tumbleweed Recreation Center kitchen (745 E. Germann Rd.)
- Drop-off: 6:30 pm/Pick-up: 8:30 pm

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 2 - Bowling Banquet



- **Activity Code: # 802TR.262**
- Cost: Free for athletes and coaches, \$7 resident family members/chaperones, \$10 non-resident family members/chaperones—pre registration is **REQUIRED**.
- All ages welcome
- The bowling season is over and it's time to congratulate you on a great season! Dinner is catered and trophies will be awarded!
- Location: Chandler Community Center (125 E. Commonwealth)
- Drop-off: 6:00 pm/Pick-up: 8:30 pm

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- Cost: FREE - Sponsored by RAD, but space is limited and you must register!! Chaperones must also register.
- Ages 10 and older
- The Muppets, along with 3 of their biggest fans, need to ban together to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon! Come out to catch a movie with your friends! There will be drinks and popcorn included!
- Location: Drop off at Harkins at Chandler Fashion Mall (3159 W. Chandler Blvd)
- Drop-off: 6:00 pm/Pick-up: 9:15 pm. Movie will start at 7 pm.

Saturday, December 17 - Mistletoe Magic



- **Activity Code: # 803TR.272**
- Cost: \$25 residents, \$34 non-residents, \$15 chaperones
- Ages 16 and older
- It's the most wonderful time of the year! Dust off your formal dresses and bow ties and come join us for a dance, a catered dinner, corsages and boutonnieres, and a formal picture with Santa Claus.
- Location: Mesa Convention Center (201 N. Center St. Bldg. B)
- Drop-off: 6:00 pm/Pick-up: 9:00 pm

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JANUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 6 - Creative Hands



- **Activity Code: # 819TR.262**
- Cost: \$2 residents, \$3 non-residents (And additional money for ceramic piece.)
- Ages 16 and older
- Come join us to paint your own ceramic piece. You can pick from plates and bowl and magnets to piggy banks and statues. You must pay for your own ceramic piece at the desk. Suggested amount to bring is \$15.
- Location: Drop-off at Creative Hands (1120 S. Gilbert Rd. #115, next to Hollywood Theaters)
- Drop-off: 6:30 pm/Pick-up: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 18 - US Airways: Toy Story 3



- **Activity Code: #820TR.262**
- Cost: \$18 residents, \$24 non-residents
- Ages 16 and older
- One of your favorite Pixar movies is coming to life on ice! Come out and watch the show live at the US Airways Center!
- Location: Drop off at Chandler Senior Center (202 E. Boston St.)
- Drop-off: 6:00 pm/Pick-up: 10:30 pm
- *Please note this is not a Friday night.*

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 3 - Sweetheart Dance



- **No registration required**
- Cost: \$5 at the door
- Ages 16 and older
- Love is in the air which of course means it's time to dance! Pictures will be included.
- Location: Chandler Community Center (125 E. Commonwealth Ave.)
- Drop-off: 6:30 pm/Pick-up: 9:00 pm



City of Chandler Parks and Recreation Division **Special Olympics/Activity Registration Form**

The City of Chandler Therapeutic Recreation program offers a 1:8 ratio or better of staff/volunteer to participants at each event. If you require more assistance, you are required to provide your own caregiver. All caregivers or other chaperones must also sign up for every event and all event fees must also be paid for accompanying chaperone.

Name _____ Additional Attendees _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Birthdate _____ Email _____

Parent Name _____ Emergency Phone# _____

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Total Enclosed: _____

Form of Payment:

Credit Card (select one) __ Visa __ MasterCard __ American Express __ Cash __ Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name of Cardholder: _____ Signature of Payee _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of any services and the use of City of Chandler facilities during year round program activities offered by the Chandler Therapeutic Recreation program, the participant agrees to the following:

1. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless City of Chandler, its officers, agents, representatives, officials and employees from and against any claims, costs, demands, expenses (including attorney's fees), losses, damages, injuries, and liabilities arising from any accident, death, or injury whatsoever or however caused to any person or property because of, arising out of, or related to my participation in programs offered by the Chandler Therapeutic Recreation Program. It is understood that such indemnity shall survive the termination of this agreement.
2. I authorize the staff of the City of Chandler Community Services Department and other contracted authorized personnel to secure any needed medical assistance in case of an emergency, illness or accident, and understand that personal insurance or immediate payment is required and that I will be responsible for prompt payment of all charges. I release the City of Chandler from any liability for such costs. Participant will not participate in any activities advised against by his or her physician and agrees to seek medical advice before participating in any activity about which participant has some concern.
3. I do hereby authorize the use and reproduction of any photographs/videos of myself or family member by the City of Chandler Recreation Division for the purpose of program promotion, publicity or other media sources.

Parent, legal guardian, or participant (if over 18) _____
Date

Please return registration form to:

Mail to:
Chandler Parks and Recreation
Attention: Therapeutic Recreation Program
Mail Stop 501, PO Box 4008
Chandler, AZ 85244-4008

Walk in:
Chandler Senior Center
Attention: Therapeutic Recreation Program
202 East Boston Street
Chandler, AZ 85225



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Check out the calendar online!

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Thursday, December 8, 2011

6:30 pm

Chandler Senior Center — 202 E. Boston

Topic: Special Olympics Overview



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