

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (EEC)



CONTACTS & CLASS LOCATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

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➤ Nature Camps at the EEC

FREE!

9TH ANNUAL

URBAN FISHING CLINIC & OUTDOOR SAFETY EVENT

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER AT VETERANS OASIS PARK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 a.m.-noon

- Many fun family safety activities!
- Free crafts, educational activities and demonstrations provided by EEC and local vendors.
- Sport fishing instructors from the Arizona Game and Fish Department will provide instruction, rods and reels to loan and free bait while supplies last.
- All participants may fish without a license **during the event** once they have registered at the Arizona Game and Fish booth.

Open to the public and great for all ages!

Co-sponsored by City of Chandler Police and Arizona Game and Fish Department



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EEC HOURS

Monday–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.

FALL GREEN TEENS COUNCIL ACADEMY

Over the fall break we are jump-starting the Green Teens Council by offering teens ages 13-17 the opportunity to learn from, and work alongside, environmental stewards. Teens will learn how to plan, organize, and lead projects that benefit the earth and the local community. This is also a great way to accumulate volunteer hours and real world job skills. Participation in the academy will require hard work. Opportunities for membership and volunteerism in the upcoming Green Teens Council will be presented and discussed during the Fall Academy Classes.

GREEN TEENS ACADEMY WEEK 1 – GARDENING & COMPOST

Teens will learn how to plant, weed, irrigate, and compost at the new demonstration garden. The emphasis of these four-hour trainings will be on the care and knowledge of gardening systems.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$17 Non-resident fee: \$23

1EE610 M-Th 10/2-10/5 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 13-17 yrs

GREEN TEENS ACADEMY WEEK 2 – TRAIL BUILDING & EROSION CONTROL

These four-hour sessions are designed to help foster community ownership in Chandler teens. This training teaches teens how to be the project supervisor of a trail crew. Leadership, teamwork, and facilitation will be emphasized in this training.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$17 Non-resident fee: \$23

1EE611 M-Th 10/9-10/12 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 13-17 yrs

FREE!

DRAGONFLY AND BUTTERFLY BASH!

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

9 a.m.–noon

GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED;
 drop-in anytime!



Save the Date

SONORAN SUNSET SERIES



See the inside front cover of this issue of Break Time for dates and information or visit chandleraz.gov/eec.

NEW FEATURES INSIDE THE EEC

Feathers & FANGs EXHIBIT

Have you ever wondered what the skull of a Gila Monster or a Diamondback Rattlesnake looks like, or how big baby rattlesnakes are? What do different birds' nests and feathers look like? What do Mountain Lions and house cats have in common? This new exhibit will answer these questions and more! Visit the front desk and mention you saw this information in the Break Time and receive your own set of fangs to take home!



2011 Bird Habitat Recognition –
Desert Rivers Audubon Society



2011 Certified Wildlife Habitat –
National Wildlife Federation

Free Family Activities

MONTHLY FAMILY BIRD WALKS

Desert Rivers Audubon leads FREE guided birdwatching tours through Veterans Oasis Park the first Saturday of every month from November-April. One-hour walks begin every 30 minutes. Be prepared for the outdoors! Sun protection, closed-toe footwear, and ample drinking water are highly recommended.

Instructor: Desert Rivers Audubon volunteers

Drop-In Sa 11/4 8 a.m.-noon All ages

Tour de Bird

A tour of bird-friendly gardens around the East valley.

Tickets: desertriversaudubon.org/calendar.html

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

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS AT VETERANS OASIS PARK/EEC

Excursions

YOGA HIKE IN SEDONA

Take a trip up to the beautiful Red Rocks of Sedona. Experience the short hike to a beautiful overlook. A Vortex Yoga Instructor will spend a couple of hours guiding you through some yoga and Qigong. Before returning, we will spend a little time in downtown Sedona where you can grab a snack, order a meal, or shop for souvenirs. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$90 Non-resident fee: \$122
1EE620 W 9/27 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 10 yrs+

HIKING 101 FOR GROUP LEADERS - DAY TRIP – PERALTA TRAIL

Explorers, adventurers, and pioneers have beaten a path to these wonderful wilderness places. Now it's your turn to lead youth on these experiential adventures. We'll teach you how to plan, facilitate, read maps, and keep your group safe on the trail. We also have the inside scoop on some amazing local trails.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$20 Non-resident fee: \$27
1EE621 Sa 11/18 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 18 yrs+

HOMESCHOOL DAYS

REGISTRATION CODE:
1EE699

Resident fee: \$6 • Non-resident fee: \$9

AT THE EEC

THURSDAY NOV. 9

9:30-11:30 a.m. • 5-17 years

GROWING with GARDENS

Since people have been on Earth, there has been a relationship between humans and plants. The earliest gardens were grown for practical reasons; people grew herbs or vegetables to live. As humans became more civilized, gardens evolved to classify the rich and were viewed as art through the selection and arrangement of the plants. In more recent years gardens have served as a foundation for scientific inquiry. This program will embrace the past, present, and future of gardens through hands-on activities and experiments.

Homeschool Days are designed for families to learn together while exploring the environment of the Sonoran Desert and sustainability through hands-on learning activities that support the academic standards set by the Arizona State Board of Education.

For more information, contact Ariane Francis at 480-782-2886.

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Father and Daughter CAMPOUT

Father and daughter campers will enjoy a night of roasting marshmallows, telling stories and enjoying the cool outside air. Morning will bring a pancake breakfast, activities and relay games as fathers and daughters pair up to win fun prizes! All campers will need to provide their own tent and sleeping bag, or borrow one from us (limited supply available.) Staff will be on hand during the event to assist with set up and take down of equipment and run activities. Breakfast and supplies for all activities will be provided. Registration required for children only. **This event is for fathers with daughters ages 6-12 years old.** Please provide an e-mail address upon registration for more information.

Location: Veterans Oasis Park

Resident fee: \$ 17/child Non-resident fee: \$23/child
1EE601 F-Sa 9/29-9/30 6 p.m. (9/29)-8 a.m. (9/30) 6-12 yrs

PARENT AND KID CAMPOUT

Campers will experience a night of roasting marshmallows, telling stories and enjoying the cool outside air. Morning will bring a pancake breakfast, activities and relay games as parent and kid team up to win fun prizes! All campers will need to provide their own tent and sleeping bag, or borrow one from us (limited supply available.) Staff will be on hand during the event to assist with set up and take down of equipment. Breakfast and supplies for all activities will be provided. Registration is required for children only and one parent is invited to accompany each child. Please ensure that a current e-mail address is used upon registration to receive additional information for this event. **This event is for all parents with kids ages 6-12 yrs.**

Location: Veterans Oasis Park

Resident fee: \$17/child Non-resident fee: \$23/child
1EE602 F-Sa 10/27-10/28 6 p.m. (10/27)-8 a.m. (10/28) 6-12 yrs



CAMPOUTS