

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (EEC)



CONTACTS & CLASS LOCATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

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➔ Outdoor Adventure trip to Fossil Creek

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.



2011 Bird Habitat Recognition -
 Desert Rivers Audubon Society



2011 Certified Wildlife Habitat -
 National Wildlife Federation

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 canceled.

If weather may be an issue, please call the EEC Program Hotline at 480-782-2889.

★ STAR PARTY ★ at VETERANS OASIS PARK ★

Presented by the City of Chandler and the East Valley Astronomy Club ★

FRIDAY, JAN. 27 • 7-9 p.m. | East end of parking lot

Enjoy views of the moon, planets, double stars, nebulae, star clusters and more. Hot beverages will be available and donations are suggested. Prior to the telescope viewing, take a self-guided tour of the Solar System Walk in Veterans Oasis Park. Learn about the sun, planets, and other objects in the solar system! The walk is not fast-paced and the terrain is easy. Program may be canceled due to inclement weather.

FREE

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EXPLORATION

SCHOOL AND GROUP FIELD TRIPS

The Environmental Education Explorations allow students to experience the adventure of learning science, social studies, and other subjects through inquiry-based activities, investigations, and technology on site at the Environmental Education Center and Veterans Oasis Park. These programs were developed to complement educators when teaching key requirements to their students.

To request a reservation please contact Ariane Francis at ariane.francis@chandleraz.gov or by phone at 480-782-2886.

SONORAN SUNSET SERIES



Now in its 8th season, the Sonoran Sunset Series features free, live, lakeside entertainment suitable for the entire family. Guests may bring blankets, chairs and food. Performances are held at the lakeside amphitheater in Veterans Oasis Park. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the EEC.

THURSDAYS from 6-7 p.m.

OCTOBER 20 | EXIT 40

NOVEMBER 17 | SOUL COUNTRY

DECEMBER 15 | NEXXLEVEL - HOLIDAY SONGS

JANUARY 19 | BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER

FEBRUARY 16 | THE REAL THING

MARCH 16 | THE KNOCKABOUTS

FREE!

For details on scheduled performers please visit www.chandleraz.gov/eec.

FREE

SNOW DAY at Veterans Oasis Park

TUESDAY **DECEMBER 27, 2016**
 From 10 a.m. until the snow melts

Snow has come to Veterans Oasis Park. Come play in the snow during the City of Chandler's Snow Day in the park. Dress warm and experience snow in the desert.



NEW FEATURES INSIDE THE EEC



Visit our interactive **Mineral Cave** where you can view exotic mineral samples and learn about how minerals affect our everyday lives. Solve quizzes and puzzles to win free prizes.

Come see our new Leopard Gecko. Leopard Geckos are nocturnal; they stay hidden during the day to avoid being seen and to stay away from the heat of the sun. They lack adhesive lamella on their toes and have tiny claws instead, which gives them better traction in sandy environments. This prevents them from climbing up surfaces easily so they primarily live on the ground. They are unique from other Leopard Gecko species because they can move their eyelids

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

Location: Environmental Education Center, Lobby

Drop-In	F	12/16	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages
Drop-In	F	1/20	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages
Drop-In	F	2/17	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages

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	12/3	8 a.m.-noon	All ages
Drop-In	Sa	1/7	8 a.m.-noon	All ages
Drop-In	Sa	2/4	8 a.m.-noon	All ages

PROGRAMS AT VETERANS OASIS PARK/EEC

HOMESCHOOL DAYS REGISTRATION CODE:
2EE699

AT THE EEC Resident fee: \$6 • Non-resident fee: \$9

THURS. FEBRUARY 9

9:30-11:30 a.m. • 5-17 years

ENTOMOLOGY

No pests here! Be an entomologist for a day by studying how insects are a benefit to the environment and to humans. Students will learn about the life cycle of insects, the physiology of their head, thorax, and abdomen, and how insects play a role in pollination, cultures, and biological research.

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.

Outdoor Programs

KITT PEAK OBSERVATORY EXCURSION

This late night excursion takes you to a leading edge observatory. You will see planets, multiple-star systems, planetary nebulae, star clusters, and galaxies. Learn about these objects as we view them and find out what a light-year really means. Ask questions, and above all, have fun discovering your universe! We will return to the EEC around midnight.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Depart from: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$63	Non-resident fee: \$86
2EE613 Sa 2/25	1:30 p.m.-Midnight 10 yrs+

HOMESCHOOL HIKE AND CAMPFIRE FUN

Veterans Oasis Park is home for many animals, birds, and plants. Come on a short interpretive tour of our park. Afterward we'll warm up by the campfire and enjoy making some afternoon s'mores.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Depart from: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$8/student	Non-resident fee: \$11/student
1EE610 Tu 1/24	9:30-11 a.m. 8 yrs+

FAMILY FUN CAMPFIRE S'MORES

Come out with your friends and family. Roast some snacks on the fire and even bring some food of your own to cook over the flames.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Environmental Education Center

Resident fee: \$8	Non-resident fee: \$11
2EE615 F 12/9	5:30-7 p.m. 8 yrs+

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXCURSIONS

DATE	EXCURSION	DIFFICULTY SCALE*
Sa 12/3	Zip Line Tour Excursion	Difficulty=1
Th 12/8	Tom's Thumb Excursion	Difficulty=3
Sa 12/17	Sledding Trip On Mt. Lemmon Excursion	Difficulty=2
W 12/21	Massacre Falls Excursion	Difficulty=3
W 12/28	Peppersauce Caving Excursion	Difficulty=3
W 1/4	Ski And Snowboard Excursion	Difficulty=2
W 1/11	Peralta Trail Excursion	Difficulty=4
W 1/18-2/15	Rock Climbing Course Hands On	Difficulty=1
W 1/18-2/15	Rock Climbing Course For Intermediate Climbers	Difficulty=1
Sa 1/21	Kartchner Caverns Excursion	Difficulty=1
F 2/10-2/12	Superstitions Backpacking Excursion	Difficulty=4
W 2/22	Flatiron Excursion	Difficulty=4

*1-Beginner, 2-Moderate, 3-Advanced, 4-Expert

See **TEEN & ADULT CLASSES** section for details.



Call 480-782-2895 for more information on any of these programs.