

EEC Hours:
 Mon. - Thur.
 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sat. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 (June-August)
 Closed Sundays &
 City Holidays
Daily Park Hours:
 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.



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SEPTEMBER 2017 Program Schedule Environmental Education Center at Veterans Oasis Park 4050 East Chandler Heights Road, 480-782-2890 www.chandleraz.gov/eec

All programs require pre-registration and fees, unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change or cancellation. Class descriptions are listed in *Break Time* magazine. Register in-person at City of Chandler Recreation facilities or online at www.chandleraz.gov/registration. Call 480-782-2890 for more info.

Sunday EEC CLOSED	Monday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Tuesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Wednesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3	4 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	5 Prickly Pear Playschool 9-10:45 a.m. Acrylic Painting— Beginner 6-7:30 p.m. Evening Yoga 6:30-7:30 p.m.	6	7 Rags to Riches: Upcycled Paper roll 9:30-11:30 a.m. Astronomy I 5:30-6:30 p.m. Astronomy II 7-8 p.m.	8	9 Animal Habitats— Junior Badge 8:30-10:30 a.m. Science in the Park Series: Life in the Desert 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
10	11 Morning Yoga 9-10 a.m. Science in the Park Series: Science Is All Around Us 9-10:30 a.m. Rags to Riches: Upcycled Tea Lights 9:30-11:30 a.m. Oil Painting Basics 5:30-7:30 p.m.	12 Prickly Pear Playschool 9-10:45 a.m. Acrylic Painting— Beginner 6-7:30 p.m. Evening Yoga 6:30-7:30 p.m.	13 Drawing for Beginners 6-7:30 p.m. Geology 6:30-7:30 p.m.	14 Rags to Riches: Upcycled Quilted Magazines 9:30-11:30 a.m.	15 Apples/Manzanas 2 - 2:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m.	16 Food Foraging- Native Plants 8-10 a.m. Science in the Park Series: Life in the Desert 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
17	18 Morning Yoga 9-10 a.m. Science in the Park Series: Science Is All Around Us 9-10:30 a.m. Rags to Riches: Eco-Friendly Crochet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Oil Painting Basics 5:30-7:30 p.m.	19 Prickly Pear Playschool 9-10:45 a.m. Acrylic Painting— Advanced 6-7:30 p.m. Evening Yoga 6:30-7:30 p.m.	20 Drawing for Beginners 6-7:30 p.m.	21 Rags to Riches: Upcycled Scrap Masonite Board or Plywood Pieces 9:30-11:30 a.m.	22 Apples/Manzanas 2 - 2:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m.	23 FREE!! Dragonfly & Butterfly Bash! 9 a.m. - noon Science in the Park Series: Life in the Desert 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
24	25 Morning Yoga 9-10 a.m. Rags to Riches: Pistachio Art 9:30-11:30 a.m. Science in the Park Series: Science Is All Around Us 9-10:30 a.m.	26 Prickly Pear Playschool 9-10:45 a.m. Acrylic Painting— Advanced 6-7:30 p.m. Evening Yoga 6:30-7:30 p.m.	27 Yoga Hike in Sedona 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. Geology 6:30-7:30 p.m.	28 Rags to Riches: Upcycled Scrap Fabric 9:30-11:30 a.m.	29 Apples/Manzanas 2 - 2:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m. Father & Daughter Campout 6 p.m. (9/29) - 8 a.m. (9/30)	30 Dynamic Art—Robots 9:30 a.m. - noon Little Green Thumbs - Gardening Workshop 10-11 a.m. Cool Season Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest 10 a.m. - noon Green Thumbs - Gardening Workshop Noon-1:45 p.m. Science in the Park Series: Life in the Desert 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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PRICKLY PEAR PLAYSCHOOL (3-5 years)

Encourage your child's natural curiosity in this drop-off class. We will spend time focusing on language arts, social studies, handwriting skills, and other STEM-based activities in preparation for core curriculum. We will cover different nature themes throughout the month so come join us for the fun! Children enrolling in this class must be potty-trained (no diapers or pull-ups allowed.)
Supply fee: \$7

APPLES/MANZANAS (4-6 yrs)

Come & discover everything about apples & manzanas! Students will get the opportunity to learn about apples in a bilingual classroom of English and Spanish. Students will learn through songs, crafts, story time & a little bit of science about this amazing fruit. **Supply fee: \$20**

ANIMAL HABITATS – JUNIOR BADGE (7-12 yrs)

Explore the world of animal habitats with this hands-on badge class! This class is open to everyone and students will learn about wild animals and their habitats. They will also create a unique habitat and learn about endangered species. Badge is not included. Troop Leaders, contact the EEC at 480-782-2894 for suggested materials and badge requirements.

ASTRONOMY I (6-12 yrs)

Ever wonder what's out there? We will explore the moon phases, space junk, meteors, what they are made of and impacts they have on us and our natural environment by doing some fun hands-on activities.
Supply fee: \$10

ASTRONOMY II (6-12 yrs) & (13 yrs+)

Pre-requisite is Astronomy I class for ages 6-12. Let's further explore the great beyond with talks about constellations, and how to use a star finder guide and telescopes. Please wear comfy shoes and bring a flashlight (or use the one on your phone) as we will be walking out to a spot at Veterans Oasis Park with unobstructed views for setting up and using telescopes. **Supply fee: \$20**

GREEN THUMBS-GARDENING WORKSHOP (6-12 yrs)

Students will engage interactively with plant & garden sciences through hands-on activities & experiments. We will explore making natural paint from vegetables & berries & much more!
Supply fee: \$15

DYNAMIC ART-ROBOTS (7-14 yrs)

Join us for a new S.T.E.M. & S.T.E.A.M program! This is an educational program for children to learn the basics of robotics, programming, & team activities all rolled into one. Students will have a choice to do the robotics program or our new robotic art program where they will color, design, and create an art piece to be attached to robots that will be built in class. **Instructor fee: \$50**

LITTLE GREEN THUMBS-GARDENING WORKSHOP (3-5 yrs)

Preschoolers will explore the world of plants and gardens through hands-on activities and experiments. We will be going over soil, parts of a plant, and beneficial insects. **Supply fee: \$15**

SCIENCE IN THE PARK SERIES: LIFE IN THE DESERT (3-5 yrs)

Young Adventurers will explore the habitat and survival strategies of the desert plants and animals through hands-on activities, observation and stories from the Pima culture. Students should bring a water bottle to class and wear closed-toe shoes. **Supply fee:\$6**

SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY: (4-6 yrs)

This hands-on class is sure to pique your child's interest! We'll create experiments that pop, fizz, and explode and dive into the world of animal life-cycles. Your child will have a blast and the class will create a sense of wonder and discovery! Come join the fun of science! *Participants are asked to bring one shoe box lid for a special craft **Supply fee: \$25**

SCIENCE IN THE PARK SERIES: SCIENCE IS ALL AROUND US (3-5 yrs)

Observation is the heart of science. Young scientists explore nature through the use of their senses & hands-on activities geared for young learners. *Call 480-782-2894 for the weekly theme. **Supply fee: \$6**

ACRYLIC PAINTING – BEGINNER (16 yrs+)

Enjoy beautiful views while learning to paint at Veterans Oasis Park! Class will cover all the basic elements needed to handle & create a painting with acrylic paint. Contact the EEC for a supply list. No experience necessary; all levels welcome!

ACRYLIC PAINTING – ADVANCED

The class continues where the beginner's class ended. Students bring in a photo of a landscape and a 9"x12" canvas and we will go over and apply the concepts learned from beginners' acrylic painting. Students will bring their own supplies (supply list available upon request, contact the EEC at 480-782-2890.)

DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS (16 yrs+)

All great art starts with a sound drawing. Learn the basics, improve your skills, & watch yourself grow as an artist. See you in class! Contact the EEC for a supply list (students bring their own supplies).

OIL PAINTING BASICS (15 yrs+)

Learn the basic principles of color, design, value and tools. Every class is different, with different painting exercises for each class. No experience necessary. Participants may choose to take one or all four classes. **Supply fee: \$15**

RAGS TO RICHES (18 yrs+) *SEE CALENDAR FOR CLASS THEMES & PROJECTS

Upcycle everyday things to create art that you can proudly own or give. While saving landfills from these items getting dumped, you will also use your creative genius for making unique pieces of art.

FOOD FORAGING-NATIVE PLANTS (6 yrs +)

Since people have been on Earth, there has been a relationship between humans & plants. Take a guided walk through Veterans Oasis Park & learn about the importance of native plants to culture, food, medicine, tradition, arts & crafts, & music. The terrain is easy and will teach you the study of ethnobotany.

COOL SEASON VEGETABLE GARDENING IN THE SOUTHWEST

Prepare students with the basic knowledge, skills and resources they need to successfully plant a cool season (Fall) vegetable garden in the Southwest desert. Class focuses on cool season vegetable garden requirements: (1) creating a garden plan, (2) selecting vegetables, (3) bed options and location (sun requirements), (4) starting seeds, (5) planting transplants, (6) watering, (7) maintaining the garden and keeping a garden journal.

Father and Daughter Campout (10-15 yrs)

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 & sleeping bag, or borrow one from us (limited supply available.) Breakfast and supplies for all activities will be provided. Registration required for children only.

GEOLOGY (15 yrs+)

Uncover what lies beneath the Earth and what processes occur in front of us. This class will dive into a range of Earth Science and Geology topics for you to choose from, sign up for one class or all of them!

YOGA HIKE IN SEDONA (10 yrs+)

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.

YOGA FLOW (12 yrs+) Instructor fee: \$24

This class is suitable for beginner & advanced practitioners alike. Emphasis will be on the basic yoga postures but more advanced postures will be added as needed to challenge the students. This class includes meditation, strength, flexibility & balance elements. Bring a mat or beach towel.

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