Keeping Busy in Tucson

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With the weather rapidly heating up and the kids antsy to be out of school, it's a great time to get out of the house and experience something new. Lucky for us, Tucson has an endless amount of enjoyable events and ways in which to stay occupied this spring and summer—no matter who you're entertaining. Here are a few of our picks to look forward to.

Tour Sabino Canyon by Moonlight



Explore Sabino Canyon's desert beauty in the eastern foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Watch and listen for wildlife from the Sabino Canyon Tour tram as it takes you through the desert and keep your eye out for the Saguaro Cacti that form interesting shadows from the moonlight. The tours are perfect for the whole family or a date with a special someone. Make your reservations for May or June now—evening tours are unavailable during July and August but start up again in September. 520.749.2327, www.sabinocanyon.com.

Tucson Folk Festival



Enjoy the old-time sound of great live music at the <u>Tucson Folk Festival</u> May 2 and 3. The festival is a great opportunity for a family outing with the mixture of children's shows and performances for adults and parents. The two-day festival will offer more than two hours of music, dance and entertainment. Produced by the Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association, the festival will feature over 120 acts of entertainment. 520.792.6481, www.TKMA.org.

Los Lonely Boys Concert



Grammy-winning Tex-Mex musical group Los Lonely Boys will be performing at the historical Rialto Theater in downtown Tucson May 1. Tickets run from \$87 to \$301 depending on seat location. The band of three bothers has become extremely popular over the years—ever since they started performing as kids. The group's latest album, "Forgiven," was a hit—you won't want to miss this concert! For tickets call 888.423.7469.

Primavera Cooks



For eight years Primavera Cooks! and Tucson Originals restaurant group have held a fundraising event series in collaboration with top-notch Tucson restaurants for culinary in support of the Primavera Foundation. This year, the events will cater to both aspiring chefs and sommeliers, both of which will help plan, prepare and serve the meals and beverages on the given event dates. The Primavera Cooks! series begins on May 20 at La Paloma's Janos restaurant, where you can choose to help in the preparation as an apprentice chef or sommelier, or simply enjoy a good meal for a good cause. Events last through September. 520.623.5111, www.primavera.org.

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Cinco de Mayo 10K



In preparation of the margarita guzzling that will take place later on that day, join the Tucson athletes in the 29th annual 10K race on May 5 to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Run or walk the beautiful course through the foothills of the Tucson mountains. The racecourse goes through Starr Pass and is the largest, most scenic 10K course in Tucson. Also, enter your children in the children's race and at the end of the race enjoy plenty of raffle prizes and festivities. For information and registration visit www.azroadrunners.org/events/cinco.html.