

10 Things To Do This Weekend in Phoenix: Family Edition

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From splash pads to ball games, this weekend, July 6-8, has something in store for you and your kiddos to enjoy.

Thursday:



Summer Splash Pad Thursdays at Tempe Marketplace

The weather is heating up, but Tempe Marketplace will keep things cool with its themed Splash Pad Thursdays. This event will allow kids to get up close and personal with their favorite princess or superhero. To keep things in line with the recent holiday, this week's theme is All-American Bash and the special guests will be Captain America and Wonder Woman. For more information, click [here](#).

Friday:



A Mirror Maze: Numbers in Nature at the Arizona Science Center

Want to give your kids a treat while expanding their knowledge? Well, the Arizona Science Center has a new exhibit perfect for you. Guests will have the opportunity to explore a seemingly infinite repeating pattern of mirrors in this exhibition created by the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry (MSI). So, be sure to grab your favorite selfie stick and prepare for many twists and turns around dead ends. Oh! And maze explorers will ultimately discover a small secret room with bonus puzzles, imagery and artifacts. For more information, click [here](#).

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Arizona Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres at Chase Field

Take your family out to the ballgame this weekend as the D-Backs take on the San Diego Padres. First pitch is at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, July 6; 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, July 7; and 1:10 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Saturday:



Summer of Sharks at OdySea Aquarium

With more than 40 visitors of nine different species living in the Aquarium, guests are invited to marvel at the largest and most diverse collection of sharks in Arizona. To celebrate “Shark Week” and the magnificent and the mysterious creature, OdySea Aquarium will be offering a variety of special programs, activities and educational opportunities for guests that are free with admission from July 1 to July 31. So be prepared for a Jaws-dropping time. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



Umbrella POP at Tempe Marketplace

In need for some shade to block out our blistering Arizona sun? Well, Tempe Marketplace has got you covered. The first-ever Umbrella POP, a whimsical art installation, will allow shoppers to take a colorful walk through The District underneath a canopy of umbrellas hoisted high above the walkways. For more information about Umbrella Pop, visit www.tempemarketplace.com/pop.

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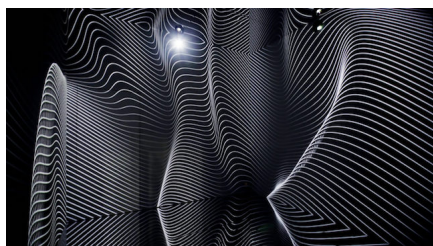
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Ice Cream Day 5K Virtual Race at Phoenix Public Library

You scream. I scream. We all scream for ice cream! With National Ice Cream Day approaching the Phoenix Public Library is hosting a virtual race, where you can choose to run a 5K to honor this special day. Along with celebrating ice cream, at least 15 percent of every registration will be donated to Operation Smile, an organization which “believes every child suffering from cleft lip or cleft palate deserves exceptional surgical care,” as July is National Cleft Awareness month. For more information, click [here](#).



Refik Anadol: Infinity Room at Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Get wavy this weekend at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art with this immersive installation by Turkish-born, Los Angeles-based artist Refik Anadol. This exhibit will be featured daily from May 26 to Sept. 30. Guests can expect to be transported into a mirrored room that uses light, sound and technology to create a three-dimensional kinetic and architectonic space. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



[Flashlight Tours at Desert Botanical Garden](#)

This Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m., prepare to go on an exciting adventure through the midst of the Desert Botanical Garden. Nocturnal garden explorers can expect an experience relying on sensory stimulation and the deepest darkest mysteries of the desert night. For more information and to reserve your spot, click [here](#).



Tween/Teen Night Every Friday & Saturday at AZ Air Time in Scottsdale

From 8 to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, all tweens and teens, ages 12 and up, are invited to [AZ Air Time trampoline park](#) to enjoy exciting dodgeball tournaments, dancing contests, and jumping on the indoor trampolines and into foam pits. This supervised nighttime play is perfect for

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parents who are looking for a safe, indoor place for their older kids to spend time on the weekend evenings. Cost is \$15 for three hours.

Sunday:



Glass in the Garden: An Exhibition of Hand Blown Glass Art at Butterfly Wonderland

Just in time for summer, Butterfly Wonderland brings visitors out of the heat and into the rainforest as they introduce their newest exhibit: “Glass in the Garden: An Exhibition of Hand Blown Glass Art” featuring the work of renowned glass blower artist, Newt Grover. So, bring your kiddos out to enjoy some butterfly kisses and kaleidoscope colors this weekend at Butterfly Wonderland. For more information, click [here](#).