

10 Things to do This Weekend in Phoenix: Family Edition

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Happy Mother's Day weekend! Get a healthy dose of fresh air with Ma at the ballgame or zoo or reserve your spot for some mimosas and French toast at some of the Valley's top brunch spots the weekend of May 10 to May 12.

FRIDAY



Mother's Day Dining

Treat Mom to an extra-delicious day this Mother's Day. Click [here](#) for our picks for Mother's Day dining, ranging from boozy brunches to decadent dinners (cheers, Mama!) Pictured: El Chorro patio.



Moms Climb for Free at AZ On The Rocks

In honor of Mother's Day, moms climb for free at [AZ On The Rocks](#) in Scottsdale all weekend long: Friday, May 10, to Sunday, May 12.



Bark at the Park

On May 10, pups are welcome to the ballpark to raise money for the state's oldest and largest no-kill animal shelter, Arizona Animal Welfare League. Chase Field's Bark at the Park will provide \$5 from every ticket sold to the D-backs vs. Braves 6:40 p.m. game to the shelter. People can [purchase tickets](#) to the Bark at the Park event online and reserve special seats for them and their dog to attend the game. Tickets are available for humans and their dogs in the bleachers and along the Baseline reserve. _

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Electric Desert at Desert Botanical Garden

It's the last weekend to enjoy this springtime spectacular. Through May 12, check out the desert as it's drenched in light and sound in a mesmerizing display like never before with Klip Collective's [Electric Desert](#) at Desert Botanical Garden. The cacti and desert become a living canvas during this limited-time nighttime experience. Ticket prices vary.

SATURDAY



Butterfly Wonderland Celebrates 50th Birthday of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

[Butterfly Wonderland](#) has partnered with Penguin Publishing and acclaimed author Eric Carle to bring a special exhibition that celebrates the 50th birthday of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." This limited-time, one-of-a-kind exhibit transports guests to the distinctive and colorful world of Carle through August 31. Activities include live caterpillars and other creatures from Carle's books, larger-than-life storybook pages, photo opps, unique caterpillar educational trading cards, story times and much more.



SEA LIFE Aquarium

Feast your eyes on 30 displays and thousands of aquatic creatures, including sharks, rays and tropical fish, during this under-the-sea adventure at [SEA LIFE Aquarium](#) at Arizona Mills. Guests can even encounter the ocean critters firsthand at SEA LIFE's touch pools. Upon arrival, keep an eye on the day's schedule for educational talks and feeding times.

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The Heard Museum Presents Color Riot! How Color Changed Navajo Textiles

[The Heard Museum](#) presents Color Riot! How Color Changed Navajo Textiles, on display through Sept. 29. The exhibition explores the Navajo culture, individualism and flair for experimentation in textiles from the last quarter of the 19th century. Remember: Free admission on First Friday at Heard Museum from 6 to 10 p.m.

SUNDAY



Mother's Day Hiking

Soak up some vitamin D in the great outdoors this Mother's Day. Get some fresh air with your mama during one of [our favorite Phoenix-area hikes](#).



Phoenix Zoo

Savor a sunny day at one of the nation's largest nonprofit zoos, the [Phoenix Zoo](#). The spot is home to more than 3,000 animals, big and small. It opens up a world of wonder, caring for thousands of animals, and features up-close animal encounters, rides, unique experiences and tours. Even the littlest animal lovers can pet and brush the goats in the large Red Barn at Harmony Farm during precious picture-perfect moments.



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"Mummies of the World: The Exhibition" at Arizona Science Center

The mystery of mummification has long-captured audiences. Valley residents can now admire the ancient practice up-close with the Arizona Science Center's [new "Mummies of the World: The Exhibition."](#) The exhibit features 40 real human and animal mummies, as well as an additional 85 rare artifacts from around the world. "Mummies of the World: The Exhibition" is a limited-time engagement requiring a timed-entry ticket and purchase of general admission. Advance purchase is highly recommended. The exhibition ends in September.