

Friday Night Fun at The Westin Kierland Resort

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While the Valley is experiencing that weather sweet spot (not too cold, not too hot), it is time to plan a night with the family at The Westin Kierland Golf Club and [The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa](#).

After a well-received launch last year, Friday Night Lights has returned to The Westin Kierland Golf Club. On Friday nights, now through April 25, 5 to 7 p.m., the Resort's FUN team partners The Westin Kierland Golf Club to offer Friday night fun for all ages. (Admission to Friday Night Lights is \$10 per person. Children age 6 and under are free with a paying adult.)

The family-friendly event invites resort guests and locals alike to enjoy 20-minute clinics led by Kierland golf professionals, a nine-hole glow putt course, music, beverage cart service right on the driving range, lawn games and the unique--and hilariously entertaining--SNAG golf (Starting New at Golf) for kids. During SNAG, a brave member of the FUN team gets decked out in a Velcro suit covered in targets and the littles are encouraged to take a swing and hit them with a tennis ball. This not only allows the kiddos to practice their swing but have a great deal of fun while doing so.

The Kierland golf pros are also very attentive to the youngest golfers, offering up advice and adjustments to their position and swing. So even though the intention of Friday Night Lights is to enjoy quality time with the family, the whole clan may come away with a better golf game, to boot.

Moms and dads can also get in on the fun with margarita putting. You see, if you get a hole when putting a lime, you win a margarita from the beverage cart. Kiddos can even give the lime a swing, winning a small toy if they make the hole.



Once you've had your fill of golf course shenanigans, head to [Nellie Cashman's Monday Club Cafe](#) at the resort to unwind with a new lineup of barrel-aged cocktails and delicious Arizona prime beef. Best of all, parents can dine guilt-free as the kid-friendly restaurant is equipped with coloring supplies and a fab children's menu.

To kick off the meal, a new hand-crafted, barrel-aged cocktail is a must. The Herrera Twist margarita with Cruz Blanco Tequila, Patron Citronage, Lime Oleo Sacchrum and fresh lime finish is among the finest margaritas in the Valley while The Bitter Truth, with AZ Distilling Company's Mission Vodka, Aperol, sweet Vermouth, cucumber-lavender bitter and lemon, is delicately floral and delicious.

When it's time to chow down, the green chile griddle cakes are a table favorite. A little sweet, a little spicy, the starter is rounded out with mushroom ragout, arugula and fire-roasted red pepper sauce. Hearty appetites will adore the slow-roasted pork chop with chorizo fried rice, blistered asparagus and Cascabel chile whiskey sauce, as well as any of Nellie Cashman's Arizona prime steaks. Though the beef is available in cuts from eight to 14 ounces, try a smaller cut to leave some room for one or two of the comforting sides, like the sweet Bisbee creamed corn and roasted garlic mash.

So instead of another Friday night in front of the TV, head to The Westin Kierland and its adjacent golf club for some fresh air, physical activity and plenty of laughs--all capped off with a hearty, comfort-food feast.