

Top Ten Things To Do in Phoenix This Weekend

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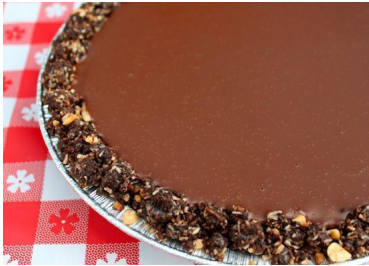
The holiday season is officially here and we're pretty sure everyone would agree that things went from 'pumpkin' to 'peppermint' real fast! But don't let that scare you. After all, there are still a few weekends left before the chaos really begins. From extravagant 5k obstacles to innovative art galleries, you're sure to find that perfect something to do this weekend in the Valley. Here are our picks for Nov. 13-Nov. 16.

ROC Race at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

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Don't miss the 2014 ROC Race on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16 at the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick! Known as the world's craziest 5k, experience a running marathon like never before. Inspired by the original game show obstacle race, charge through a larger-than-life obstacle featuring wrecking balls, inflatable water slides, sweepers and so much more. Think "Wipe Out," and you're the latest contestant! For more information, visit rocace.com/phoenix. Use promo code AZFW for \$5 off and sign up before the next price increase.

5th Annual Pie Social



It's the 5th Annual Pie Social and you're invited! On Saturday, November 15 from 2-5 p.m. join 15 celebrity chefs and other pie lovers for an event seemingly real only in dreams. Sample slices of competition pies where some will be awarded best in show and most creative. Bring two of your own pies to the event and earn five tasting tickets to sample some of your most beloved flavors. Also to be enjoyed at the event are games, and live music. Admission is free and tickets for tasting will be sold at the event—five tickets for \$10. The event will take place at Roosevelt Row. For more information, please visit phxfood.com.

Family Day: Beat It! at MIM

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Don't miss the Musical Instrument Museum's *Family Day: Beat It!* on Saturday, November 15 for excitement the entire family will enjoy! Experience the infectious beats of percussion as you join in celebrating the opening of the special exhibition *Beyond the Beat: Drums of the World*. Get a glimpse of drumming from all corners of the world through music, dance, crafts, instruments, and more. This event is included with museum admission and free for Circle of Friends donors. For more information or a list of scheduled events, please visit mim.org/events.

CitySkate at CityScape



Beginning Sunday, November 16 and running through February 3 enjoy another wonderful season of CitySkate at CityScape in Phoenix. Celebrating its 5th year, CitySkate is the original outdoor skating rink that will have you and your loved ones embracing the magic of the holidays. Day sessions will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and night sessions will run from 4-11 p.m., Sunday-Friday, and 4p.m.-Midnight on Saturday. Adults and children are \$12 and students are \$10. Prices include skate rentals and unlimited skating all day. Don't miss your chance to make holiday memories and start your newest tradition. For more information, please visit www.cityskatephx.com.

Barrett-Jackson Collection Showroom

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Witness the launch of the brand new 22,500-square-foot *Barrett-Jackson Collection Showroom* for the open house beginning on Friday, November 14 and running through Saturday, November 15. This exciting event brings to you the experience of the Barrett-Jackson car show all year around. Admire a rotating selection of premium vehicles embodying the Barrett-Jackson brand which you will be able to purchase throughout the entire year. The event will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and is located in Old Town Scottsdale. For more information about Barrett-Jackson and the showroom, visit barrett-jackson.com, or contact Showroom Division Manager Muffy Bennett at 480-306-8210 or ASE-certified Service Department Manager Jeff Catlin at 480-306-8211.

79th Annual Tamale Dinner



Selected by approximately 12 Valley Mayors, don't miss the *79th Annual Tamale Dinner* on Saturday, November 15 for an exciting day of food and fun! Get a taste of selected hometown restaurants' tamales featuring chicken, pork and beef! Catch live entertainment on the grassy lounge area set up at the corner of 5th Street and Van Buren, or visit the beer garden, private bar or specialty catering stations for a little extra something. This latin-infused event will run from 12-10 p.m. General Admission is \$12 and VIP is \$60 (will include the VIP lounge). Children 10 and under are free.

Nick Swardson Live



On Saturday, November 15 catch funny man *Nick Swardson* live at the Talking Stick Resort for a night of unforgettable laughs. You'd probably recognize Nick for his part in *Grandma's Boy* or 'Terry Bernadino' on the hit show **Reno 911!**; but his most recent contribution to the comedy scene is his Comedy Central Series, **Nick Swardson's Pretend Time**. This event is 21 and older and begins at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 480-850-7777 or visit talkingstickresort.com, for more information.

Food Truck Caravan



If one of your favorite things to do is hunting down fantastic food, *Food Truck Caravan* is the event for you! Taking place every Saturday from

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7:30-11:30 p.m. make your way out to Old Town Scottsdale for a variety of goodies and wild entertainment. Get a hold of new and delicious delights as well as discounts for local and surrounding merchants, restaurants, and bars. The event is free and will take place at 5th Street and Goldwater. For more information, please visit foodtruckcaravan.com.

Still Moving: Imagining the Circus in a New Way Photographs by Bertil Nilsson



Get inspired at one of the newest displays at the Mesa Arts Center! Visit *Still Moving: Imagining the Circus in a New Way*, photographs by Bertil Nilsson now until December 7 for a feeling of wondrous conception. Fusing together the old traditions of the circus with theatre and dance, Nilsson draws his audience into a new realm of imagination. Admire the beauty of human form as well as the grandeur of modern day performers. Don't miss out on this powerful collection reflecting dedication and extensive training. For more information, please visit mesaartscenter.com.

Jazz Night at W Scottsdale

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Presented by Steve LeVine Entertainment & Public Relations, don't miss an evening filled with live vintage Jazz and blues beginning at 9 p.m. at the W Scottsdale on Thursday, November 13. Hosted in the Living Room, enjoy the night featuring burlesque performances every half hour throughout the evening. VIP cabana reservations are available by contacting VIP@Triyar.com or calling 602-405-0099. For more information, please visit www.wscottsdaletickets.com. This event is held every Thursday night and is a 21 and older event.