

Top Kids Summer Camps in Phoenix

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When the inevitable heat waves flood the Valley, kids—and their parents—need a reason to make the most of the summer months. So whether it is a day camp for science explorers or a two-week intensive for your prodigal super star, this list of summer camps in Phoenix will be just what the doctor ordered for your family's Valley fever.



Arizona Science Center: All-Star Sports Science Camp, Phoenix

While the Valley may be home to the Cactus League, the Major League Baseball Spring Training hub, the Arizona Science Center's All-Star Sports Science Camp goes beyond the sport as boys and girls can discover the physics behind America's favorite past time. This summer camp in Phoenix works through exciting, hands-on activities for kids to discover a bat's sweet spot, determine whether or not a curve ball actually curves and why the Valley is perfect for year-round baseball. They will also learn how nutrition and personal fitness help players compete at the highest levels. Don't miss this unique hands-on, three-day experience complete with special events and guests. July 10-12, 9 a.m-4 p.m. \$120 members, \$135 non-members. www.azscience.org.

Sun Devil Sports Camps, Tempe

If your child is pumped about playing sports at a summer camp in Phoenix more than learning about the physics behind it, the Sun Devil Sports camps in Tempe offer a plethora of sports and activities for all ages and skill levels. Kids have the chance to play the sport they love under the direction of some of the best collegiate athletes in the state. Pricing and schedule varies according to sport. www.thesundevils.com/camps/asu-camps

Scully Learning Center, Cave Creek

Cave Creek nonprofit in association with Kiwanis offers a wide array of summer activities and camps for kids and adults with mental and physical disabilities. The summer camp center in Phoenix has everything from yoga and gardening to finance and cooking classes, all within their mission to enrich lives through support and encouragement. sites.google.com/site/scullylearningcenter.

Carrie Curran Art, Young Vincents, Scottsdale

Vincent Van Gogh may have been a great artist, but he probably wasn't painting Starry Night when he first picked up a paintbrush. In the same way, Carrie Curran Art Studios knows practice makes perfect for every artist, and designed the Young Vincents summer camp in Phoenix to help foster the passion of creativity in young individuals. Through drawing, painting and multi-media work, kids can paint their way to beautiful work of art under the guidance of professional artists. Private lessons also available. www.carriecurranart.com.

Amazing Wonders Aviation Vacation Bible School, Goodyear

As a part of Skyway Church's mission to teach children about God, the Amazing Wonders Aviation Vacation Bible School offers a five-night program explores the amazing creation of earth and how it reflects God. This exciting summer camp in Phoenix is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, and runs from June 18-22. www.skywaychurch.com.

MTA's Triple Threat Performer Two-Week Intensive Workshop, Anthem

Your child will be saying hello to Broadway in no time with this two-week intensive summer camp in Phoenix focused on singing, dancing and acting as a part of the Musical Theater of Anthem's summer camp for kids and teenagers. Materials include a journey through the years of musical theater, starting with composers like Gershwin on to Rogers and Hammerstein. At the end of the two weeks, there will be live performances featuring the triple threat performers. www.musicaltheatreofanthem.org/workshops.

Farm Camp at Superstition Farms, Mesa

Leave your gizmos and tech gadgets at home for this exhilarating outdoor summer camp in Phoenix on Superstition Farms. Kids aged 6-14

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have the wildly fun opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a real-life farm and how environmental sustainability plays a larger role in daily lives than we think. Camps available on a first-come, first-served basis. www.superstitionfarm.com.