Top Children's Museums in Phoenix

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If your family has had their fill of sweating it out on the sidewalk or lounging by the pool this summer, try taking a trip down to a local children's museum for a creative and educational way to beat the heat that's fun for the whole family. We're breaking down some of the best children's museums in the Valley.



Different from the classic museum with their touch-everything policy, the Children's Museum of Phoenix's interactive exhibits encourage learning, creativity, imagination and most of all fun. The monstrous 48,000-sq.ft. space offers more than 300 exhibits on more than three floors as well as classes ranging on all topics from yoga to science to art. The family favorite spot is also a recipient of countless awards including a 2011 Parent's Magazine's Top 10 Children's Museums in the country destination. This unique experience is perfect for children ages 0-10. www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.



One of Phoenix's crowning jewels, the Arizona Science Center offers fun, interactive and unique exhibits that encourage attendees to think and discover and learn about the world around them. With more than 300 exhibits spanning seven galleries and unique limited-engagement featured exhibits like MathAlive!, Arizona Science Center manages to make learning fun for the whole family. In addition to their countless exhibits, the Science Center also offers classes, workshops and camps specifically created for families.

www.azscience.org.



Phoenix Art Museum

With truly unique acquisitions and community-focused exhibits, Phoenix Art Museum is the perfect place to appreciate and marvel at the talent and creativity at both locally and internationally known artists. More than 17,000 works spanning American, African, Asian, European, fashion, modern and contemporary art cover the halls of the Phoenix Art Museum. PhxArtKids, the museum's prime kid-friendly area offers an interactive space for children to experience art in their own way.

www.phxart.org.

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Located in Mesa, Arizona Museum for Youth aims to help kids experience the world through an artistic lens. This one-of-a-kind interactive art museum encourages children to learn, imagine and create their own unique masterpieces while gaining a knowledge and appreciation for the fine arts. With plenty of interactive activities that cover technique, processes and materials and teaches expression through music, reading, theatre, art making and art appreciation. This museum experience is ideal for children ages 0-12.

www.arizonmuseumforyouth.com.