

Dates with Dad for Father's Day in Phoenix

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This year, Father's Day can be an extremely memorable one for the whole family with the numerous events taking place here in our Valley. Whatever your dad might be into, be it motorcycles, music, comedy clubs, or expensive scotch, you can't go wrong with AFM's list of tops dates for dads this Father's Day!

"The Dads of Comedy" at Tempe Center for the Arts



Bring your dad to see a comedy show that brings some of the best local comics to the stage, include Ken Kaz, whose "Unplanned Parenthood" show was one of the longest running in Arizona. Kaz is joined by four other comedians to discuss their experiences of fatherhood and how they had to laugh—to keep from crying. Hopefully your father can't relate. See it Friday, June 13 at Tempe Center for the Arts, with tickets ranging from \$10 for general admission to \$25 for VIP. Call 480.350.4311 or go to <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-center-for-the-arts> for more information.

Father's Day Weekend Fiesta at Go AZ Motorcycles



If your father has an affinity for two-wheeled machines that go fast, then bring him to this event at Go AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale. A variety of motorcycles will be on display, as well as free food available for those attending and games being played in the front courtyard. Take your dad on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to enjoy this free event. Call 480.609.1800 or go here for more info: <http://www.goaz.com/events.htm>.

"Beat it!" Family Drumming Workshop at the Musical Instrument Museum

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For the musically inclined father, the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) in Phoenix is offering a special drumming workshop for families to hone their skills. Instructor Frank Thompson will teach drumming styles of Latin, African, and pop-music hand drumming, before a "jam" session that everyone can partake in. Bring your own drums or use ones the museum has. Event is held on Sunday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12. For more information call Katherine Palmer at 480.245.6962 or go to their website: <http://mim.org/>.

Family Night at the Shout House's Dueling Piano Bar



If your dad enjoys his beers and burgers, the Shout House in Glendale may be the best choice for family-friendly entertainment on Father's Day. The dueling piano bar at Westgate will have a special \$7 beer and burger special, as well as \$3 root beer floats for younger ones to enjoy. From 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday June 15, you and your dad can sing along to his favorite tunes at this fun venue. Reservations are highly recommended, call 623.772.1500 or go to: <http://www.theshouthouse.com/az/> for more info.

5th Annual "Man Brunch" at Octane Raceway



Octane Raceway in Scottsdale will be hosting its annual "Man Brunch," a chance to treat your dad to a hearty meal of bacon, eggs, waffles, hash browns, and more, before beating him afterwards in a high-speed go-kart race! The venue offers a variety of other activities such as rock-climbing, video games, and billiards, so there is much more fun to be had after brunch is over. Held on Sunday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and reservations are required. \$29.95 per person includes breakfast, racing, and a special gift for dad. Go to <http://www.octaneraceway.com/> or call 602.302.7223 for tickets.

BBQ Basics for Dad & Kids at the Phoenician Resort

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On Saturday, June 14, families can enjoy their Father's Day weekend at the Phoenician in Scottsdale by learning barbeque basics from the resort's master chefs. A variety of different rubs, spices, and marinades will be used to grill meats and veggies, with all in attendance getting to enjoy what they've cooked afterwards. Kids will get to decorate cookies with special messages for dad, and each family receives a gift basket. Held at the Il Terrazzo Salon at the Phoenician from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., tickets are \$49 for adults and \$24 for those under 12. Must be a resort guest to attend. Call 480.423.2530 for reservations, or go to <http://www.thephoenician.com/signature-activities/>.

"Drams for Dads" Scotch tasting at the Westin Kierland Resort



Tucked within this North Scottsdale resort is the recently-opened Scotch Library, offering patrons the choice of over 130 labels of high-end liquors. On Saturday, June 14 the venue will celebrate Father's Day by offering a tasting of four of their rare Glenmorangie whiskies. Guests will also learn about various whisky regions of Scotland, and different ways to enjoy the drink from expert Scotch Ambassadors on site. Dads who bring in an old tie are given a Scotch Library goodie bag that includes a cigar, cigar cutter, and exclusive scotch glass. Tickets are \$60 per person, and include light food pairings. Call 480.624.1202 for information or go to: <http://kierlandresort.com/>.