

Nickelodeon Getaway at JW Marriott Starr Pass

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Swimming, popcicles, sleepovers, sports camp - summer is, and always will be, for the kids.



While you may not have the luxury of taking the whole family to Disneyland this particular summer, a staycation in Tucson with the Nickelodeon Getaway program hosted by the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa will feel as expensive as an extravagant theme park vaca, but it won't burn a hole in your pocket. The kids will be jumping for joy when they realize your fun-filled weekend plans, and you may even have a little fun as well.

Lasting through Labor Day, this weekend adventure (available for Friday and Saturday night stays) will offer everything from games and movies to arts and crafts and meet and greets of your kids' favorite Nickelodeon characters. Rather than stress about planning your events before you arrive, a Nickelodeon Getaway host will meet you at check-in to review the activities that will be available during your stay. Some of the fun-filled options offered by your host will include: Breakfast with Dora the Explorer or SpongeBob SquarePants; poolside entertainment in the afternoon; an interactive poolside game show where contestants may end up with a pie in the face or the traditional Nickelodeon sliming; autographs with Dora and SpongeBob; and dive-in movies on Friday and Saturday nights, where kids can enjoy a "Slime Slushy" and popcorn poolside while watching a flick. Upon arrival back in your room, the kiddos will be surprised with a Nickelodeon Dora or SpongeBob sleepover kit, including a pillowcase, overnight case with toiletries and a special gift.



Such a kid-friendly event warrants a kid-friendly pool to splash around in, which is just what the JW Marriott Starr Pass offers. Introduced to the public last year, the resort's Starr Canyon River and Monsoon Falls Water Slide has become a Tucson favorite for all kids and kids at heart who love to cool off while having a blast. Even more reason to beat the heat with some cartoon fun in the sun this weekend? Many of the event offerings are free to resort guests—rates start at \$189 per night and may vary per date.

If kids, cartoons and slime don't sound like the ideal way in which to spend your adult weekend, you should know that JW Marriott Starr Pass is home to fabulous restaurant and bar offerings such as Primo, Signature Grill, Catalina Steakhouse, Plunge and Salud (where you can sneak off each evening to enjoy a tequila toast on Salud's patio). In addition, schedule in some down time at the Hashani Spa, where oversized cartoon characters are nowhere to be seen.

For more information on the event series or the resort, visit www.nickelodeongetaway.com or www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com.