

# Chandler Special Events

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## Ostrich Festival

at Tumbleweed Park  
2250 S. McQueen Rd.

Friday, March 12  
2 p.m.-Midnight

Saturday, March 13  
10 a.m.-Midnight

Sunday, March 14  
10 a.m.-11 p.m.



To celebrate Chandler's rich history, as well as provide a first-class community event, the Chandler Ostrich Festival began in 1989. The event has grown to become one of the premier festivals in the southwest.

The Ostrich Festival is a community family event featuring live ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities, national and regional entertainment, carnival midway, spectacular food, upscale arts & crafts, and much more.

In addition to bringing in nationally known musical groups, the festival also features some of the most popular local and regional talent in the Southwest. There are also performances by dozens of local community groups throughout the weekend performing music dance and more.

The awesome ostrich is also featured in Ostrich Alley where you can purchase ostrich foods, feather dusters, leather goods and other merchandise. See young, live ostriches and emus up close and learn about them from the experts who raise the birds.

The Chandler Ostrich Festival is owned by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and produced by Universal Fairs. For more information on the Ostrich Festival, please call 480-963-4571 or visit [www.ostrichfestival.com](http://www.ostrichfestival.com).

### 5k Run & Walk and Parade in Historic Downtown Chandler

Saturday, March 6  
8 a.m. • 5k Run and Walk  
10 a.m. • Parade

The 6th Annual Ostrich Festival 5K Run & Walk will take place on Saturday, March 6. All ages and abilities are welcome. Moms with strollers, wheelchair participants, everyone is invited to participate.

The Ostrich Festival Parade will follow the 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m. It will begin on Ray Road and Arizona Avenue and will travel south on Arizona Avenue to Frye Road. The entries will be judged and prizes awarded. Your community organization can participate in the Ostrich Festival Parade by calling the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

For more information please go to [www.ostrichfestival.com](http://www.ostrichfestival.com) or call 480-963-4571.

Check out the many events and activities offered at your local **CHANDLER LIBRARY**

- \* Storytime
- \* Youth Programs
- \* Teen programs
- \* Business Programs
- \* Computer Classes
- \* Adult Education
- \* Writer's Circle
- \* Book Discussions
- \* Volunteer Opportunities

[www.chandlerlibrary.org](http://www.chandlerlibrary.org)



### BLOOD DRIVE

United Blood Services will be in the TRC Cotton Room on **Monday, February 1 • 3-7 p.m.**

Call 480-782-2907

Find the **hero** in you.

Mark your calendars! The next Tumbleweed Recreation Blood Drive will be July 5, 2010. Look for more information in the Summer Break Time issue coming soon!

## Welcome Spring... SONORAN SUNSET SERIES

Environmental Education Center at  
Veterans Oasis Park  
Outdoor entertainment for all ages – great for families!

February 3 from 7-8 p.m.  
and  
March 3 from 7-8 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION!



For more information, visit [www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis](http://www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis)  
EEC@chandleraz.gov ♦ 480-782-2890



**SEE MORE SPECIAL EVENTS**  
on page 9 and the back cover

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## HERSHEY TRACK & FIELD MEET

**Saturday, April 17, 2010 • 7:30 a.m.**  
Chandler High School Austin Field, 350 N. Arizona Ave.

**Boys and Girls ages 7-14**

**\$4 Resident/\$5 Non-resident participant**

The annual Hershey Track & Field Meet is open to children ages 7-14 who attend school within Chandler city limits. Registration forms will be available from January 4-April 2 through participating physical education teachers in Chandler Schools and at the following centers: Tumbleweed Recreation Center, Chandler Community Center, Snedigar Recreation Center and Environmental Education Center and all local libraries and online at [www.chandleraz.gov/youth-sports](http://www.chandleraz.gov/youth-sports).

Please drop off registration forms at the Snedigar Recreation Center, located at 4500 South Basha Road, or mail form and fee to Snedigar Recreation Center, ATTN: Hershey Track, Mail Stop 502, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler AZ, 85244. Checks should be made payable to the City of Chandler.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED  
AFTER APRIL 2, 2010 OR AT THE EVENT.**

**For more information please contact  
Ken Sipes at 480-782-2704**



## Star Party

At Veterans Oasis Park and the Environmental Education Center (EEC)  
Presented by the City of Chandler and the  
East Valley Astronomy Club (EVAC)

**Saturday, May 22, 7-10 p.m.**

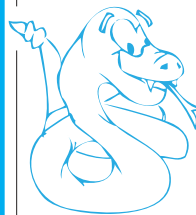
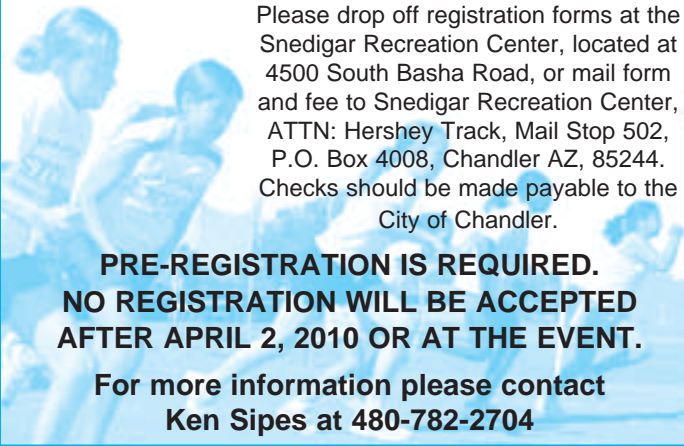
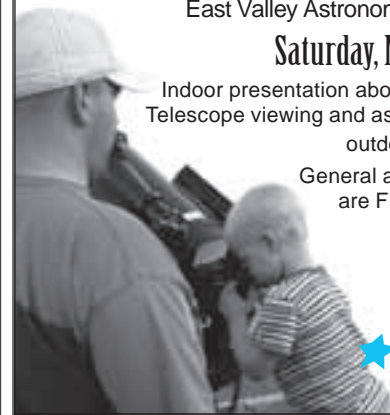
Indoor presentation about astronomy begins at 7 p.m.  
Telescope viewing and astronomy-themed activities begin  
outdoors at 8 p.m.

General admission and telescope viewing  
are FREE, but select activities may  
require a fee.

**GREAT FOR ALL AGES!**

For details see page 72 of  
Break Time or visit

[www.chandleraz.gov/  
veterans-oasis](http://www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis)



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST WITH THE SNAKES

Mothers can enjoy a light breakfast with their family while sharing an experience with nature. Learn about Arizona's snakes, watch snakes eat their own breakfast, and pose for a family photo with live snakes on exhibit at the EEC!  
*Event takes place the day before Mother's Day.*

Instructor: Environmental Education Center Staff

<b>Resident fee: \$14</b>	<b>Non-resident fee: \$18</b>		
912EE.370 Sa 5/8	8:30-9:30 a.m.	3 yrs+	
913EE.370 Sa 5/8	10-11 a.m.	3 yrs+	

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Talent Competition

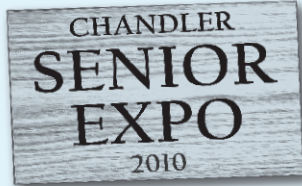
PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF CHANDLER

The competition is on  
**Saturday, Feb. 6  
6-9 p.m.**

Mesquite High School  
500 S. McQueen Rd.  
Show Admission \$5

For more information contact  
Michael Ballard | 480-782-2711  
[michael.ballard@chandleraz.gov](mailto:michael.ballard@chandleraz.gov)

**First Place &  
Runner-Up receive  
cash prizes!!!**



For details please  
see page 75!

## SOCK HOP 50's DANCE

Sponsored by RAD

**APRIL 23 • 6:30-9 p.m.**

COMMUNITY CENTER  
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.



**FREE!**



