

EEC Hours:

Mon. - Thur.
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Closed Sundays & City
Holidays

Daily Park Hours:
6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.



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Program Schedule

Environmental Education Center at Veterans Oasis Park

4050 East Chandler Heights Road, 480-782-2890
www.chandleraz.gov/eec

All programs require pre-registration and fees, unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change or cancellation. Class descriptions are listed in *Break Time* magazine. Register in-person at City of Chandler Recreation facilities or online at www.chandleraz.gov/registration. Call 480-782-2890 for more information.

Sunday EEC CLOSED	Monday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Tuesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Wednesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
				1 Rambunctious Raptors 6:45-7:45 p.m.	2 Mother & Son Campout 6 p.m. (Fri.) to 8 a.m. (Sat.)	3 FREE! Family Bird Walks 8 a.m. - noon Animal Habitats- Junior Badge 8:30-10:30 a.m. Prickly Pear Playschool Noon- 1:45 p.m.
4	5 Oil Painting Basics 5:30-7:30 p.m.	6 Acrylic Painting - Beginner 6-7:30 p.m.	7 Introduction to Birding 6:45-7:45 p.m.	8	9 Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 2-2:45 p.m.	10 Blast Off Into Space 10:30-11:30 a.m. Prickly Pear Playschool Noon - 1:45 p.m.
11	12 Spring Nature Camp (3/12 -3/16) Week 1: Outdoor Adventures Between Earth & Sky: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m.	13 Acrylic Painting - Beginner 6-7:30 p.m.	14 Warm Season Vegetable Gardening In The Low Desert 6-8 p.m. Drawing for Beginners 6-7:30 p.m. Introduction to Birding 6:45-7:45 p.m.	15 Wonders of Water: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m. FREE! Sonoran Sunset Series 6-7 p.m.	16 Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 2-2:45 p.m.	17 Prickly Pear Playschool Noon - 1:45 p.m.
18	19 Spring Nature Camp (3/19 -3/23) Week 2: Vegetation Takeover Between Earth & Sky: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m. Oil Painting Basics 5:30-7:30 p.m.	20	21 Drawing for Beginners 6-7:30 p.m. Intermediate Birding 6:30-7:30 p.m.	22 Wonders of Water: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m.	23 Whitewater Rafting - Salt River 7:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 2-2:45 p.m.	24 Food Foraging- Native Plants 8-10 a.m. Plant It & They Will Come: Attracting Pollinators to Your Yard 10 a.m.- noon Prickly Pear Playschool Noon - 1:45 p.m.
25	26 Between Earth & Sky: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m.	27	28 Intermediate Birding 6:30-7:30 p.m.	29 Wonders of Water: It's Your Planet Love It! - Girl Scouts 5-6 p.m. Attracting Birds To Your Backyard 6:30-7:30 p.m.	30 Science & Discovery 1-1:45 p.m. Science & Discovery 2-2:45 p.m.	31 Aspiring Arborists 10-11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Geodes 10:30-11:30 a.m. Prickly Pear Playschool Noon - 1:45 p.m.

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PRICKLY PEAR PLAYSCHOOL (3-5 yrs)

Encourage your child's natural curiosity in this drop-off class. We will spend time focusing on language arts, social studies, handwriting skills, and other STEM-based activities in preparation for core curriculum. We will cover different nature themes throughout the month so come join us for the fun! Children enrolling in this class must be potty-trained (no diapers or pull-ups allowed.) **Supply fee: \$6**

SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY: (4-6 yrs)

Discover the world of science through bugs, animals & plants. We'll observe microscopic life through fun & exciting experiments. Your little one is sure to be amazed in this science-filled class! Come join us for the fun. **Supply fee: \$25**

ANIMAL HABITATS-JUNIOR BADGE (7-12 yrs)

Explore the animal kingdom & learn about the different animal habitats. Discover the fascinating adaptations that animals have made to be able to live in their individual environments through hands-on activities & discussion. Students will create a unique habitat & learn about endangered species. Badge not included. Troop Leaders, contact the EEC for suggested materials and badge requirements at 480-782-2894.

ASPIRING ARBORISTS (6-14yrs)

Budding arborists can celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day as they explore trees and their importance. Students will branch out and make potpourri from tree bark and recycled paper. Through hands-on activities, nature walks and discussions, aspiring arborists will learn to identify the basics of tree care. **Supply fee: \$10**

BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY: IT'S YOUR PLANET-LOVE IT! (5-6yrs)

Do a world of good as you get in touch with Mother Nature. Girl Scouts will learn to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect the environment as they explore new places. Scouts can earn the Blue Bucket, Firefly and Clover Awards by participating in outings, crafts and discussions. Badge included. **Supply fee: \$7**

WONDERS OF WATER: IT'S YOUR PLANET-LOVE IT! (6-8 yrs)

Learn to be water wise. From water cycles and hydroelectricity to ecological services, Girl Scouts will learn how to improve life for everyone on the planet. Scouts will earn the WOW Award as they collect the Love Water, Save Water and Share Water patches. Patches included. **Supply fee: \$7**

BLAST OFF INTO SPACE (6-12 yrs)

Blast off on an out of this world adventure! Aspiring astronauts will compete in the soda straw rocket challenge, design marshmallow space crafts and sample space ice cream while learning valuable STEM lessons. Focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), this space adventure is bursting with brain building activities.

EASTER EGG GEODES (6-12 yrs)

Have a rockin' good time as you celebrate Easter at the EEC. Kids will use household materials to turn a traditional Easter egg craft into a geode as they learn about the process of crystallization.

WHITEWATER RAFTING-SALT RIVER (13-18 yrs)

You'll cascade down dips and rushing river bends in the Salt River. Escape to the "other" Grand Canyon, the Salt River Canyon for an exciting day filled with wet & fun Class III rapids. Novice to expert rafters will enjoy the high Sonoran Desert scenery & drops at over 20 feet per mile. Transportation, wetsuits & rafting equipment is provided.

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ACRYLIC PAINTING – BEGINNER (18 yrs+)

Enjoy beautiful views while learning to paint at Veterans Oasis Park! Class will cover all the basic elements needed to handle & create a painting with acrylic paint. Contact the EEC for a supply list. No experience necessary; all levels welcome!

DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS (16 yrs+)

All great art starts with a sound drawing. Learn the basics, improve your skills, & watch yourself grow as an artist. See you in class! Contact the EEC for a supply list (students bring their own supplies).

OIL PAINTING BASICS (15 yrs+)

Learn the basic principles of color, design, value and tools. Every class is different, with different painting exercises for each class. No experience necessary. Participants may choose to take one or all four classes. **Supply fee: \$15**

FOOD FORAGING-NATIVE PLANTS (6 yrs+)

Since people have been on Earth, there has been a relationship between humans and plants. Take a guided walk through Veterans Oasis Park and learn about the importance of native plants to culture, food, medicine, tradition, crafts, and music. The terrain is easy and will teach you the study of ethnobotany. Meet at the North Entrance of the EEC.

ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR YARD (16 yrs+)

Add another dimension of beauty to your yard by the movement and color of birds. Learn three unique ways to make your backyard a haven for a variety of birds

INTERMEDIATE BIRDING (16 yrs+)

Birds of a feather flock together as experienced birders enhance their bird identification skills during Intermediate Birding. This three-part series will introduce birders to advanced techniques such as behaviors, calls and locations to aid in recognizing birds. This class includes a field trip; date to be determined.

PLANT IT & THEY WILL COME: ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO YOUR YARD (16+)

Explore the ingenious ways native plants attract pollinators such as birds, bees, butterflies and moths. Learn essential steps and how to identify pollinator preferences as you make your backyard an ideal stop for a variety of species. **Supply fee: \$3**

WARM SEASON VEGETABLE GARDENING IN THE LOW DESERT (16 yrs+)

Budding gardeners will learn the basic knowledge, skills and resources needed to successfully plant vegetables in warm season-spring. Class will focus on warm season vegetable requirements including: creating a garden plan, selecting vegetables, planting transplants, selecting seeds and locations and more. **Supply fee: \$3**

FREE! MONTHLY FAMILY BIRDWALKS (All Ages) 8 a.m.-noon

Desert Rivers Audubon leads FREE guided birdwatching tours through Veterans Oasis Park the first Saturday of every month from November-April. One-hour walks begin every 30 minutes. Be prepared for the outdoors! Sun protection, closed-toe footwear, and ample drinking water are highly recommended.