

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (EEC)



CONTACTS & CLASS LOCATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

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➤ Nature Camps at the EEC

EEC HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.–3 p.m. (Sept.–May)
8 a.m.–2 p.m. (June–August)
(Closed Sundays and City of Chandler holidays).
Veterans Oasis Park is open daily, 6 a.m.–10:30 p.m.



2011 Bird Habitat Recognition –
Desert Rivers Audubon Society

2011 Certified Wildlife Habitat –
National Wildlife Federation



Many of the EEC's programs take place outdoors. For these programs, please come prepared with comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. Inclement weather may cause an outdoor program to be altered or canceled.

If weather may be an issue, please call the EEC Program Hotline at 480-782-2889.

FREE!

DRAGONFLY AND BUTTERFLY BASH!

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 23 • 9 a.m.–noon

Dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies flutter over the wetland habitats at Veterans Oasis Park during the late summer. Celebrate these beautiful insects with us through guided nature walks, hands-on crafts, and presentations available for all ages. Walks will be held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and are approximately 20 minutes in duration with easy terrain. Don't miss this fun-filled, family-friendly special event!

GREAT FOR ALL AGES!

PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED; drop-in anytime!

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Learn more about the [Environmental Education Center](#) by scanning this QR code with your smart phone!

NEW FEATURES INSIDE THE EEC

Coming June 1, 2017 - FEATHERS & FANGS Exhibit!

Have you ever wondered what the skull of a Gila Monster or a Diamondback Rattlesnake looks like, or how big baby rattlesnakes are? What do different birds' nests and feathers look like? What do Mountain Lions and house cats have in common? This new exhibit will answer these questions and more! Visit the front desk and mention you saw this information in the Break Time and receive your own set of fangs to take home!

Free Family Recreation

****Registration for the following programs is NOT required, but large groups of 10 or more please call in advance: 480-782-2890. All participants under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.****

FRIDAY FEEDING FRENZY!

FREE

Have you ever wondered what the live animals at the EEC eat for dinner? Have you ever seen a snake stalk its prey? Join the EEC staff on the third Friday of each month for a live animal feeding. Meet the animals in our nature center and learn about their diets. Stick around and watch the animals being fed.

Instructor: EEC Volunteer

F	6/16	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages
F	7/21	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages
F	8/18	3:30-4 p.m.	All ages

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EXPLORATION

SCHOOL AND GROUP FIELD TRIPS

The Environmental Education Explorations allow students to experience the adventure of learning science, social studies, and other subjects through inquiry-based activities, investigations, and technology on site at the Environmental Education Center and Veterans Oasis Park. These programs were developed to complement educators when teaching key requirements to their students.

To request a reservation please contact Ariane Francis at ariane.francis@chandleraz.gov or by phone at **480-782-2886**.

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS AT VETERANS OASIS PARK/EEC

HOMESCHOOL DAYS

REGISTRATION CODE:
4EE699

Resident fee: \$6 • Non-resident fee: \$9

AT THE EEC

THURSDAY | AUG. 10

9:30-11:30 a.m. • 5-17 years

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION AND BEYOND

Understand the earth composition, formation, and how the solar system influences our daily lives. Participants will study the earth from both a historical and current time frame. Learn about celestial navigation and how it influenced our modern technology of satellite navigation system.

Homeschool Days are designed for families to learn together while exploring the environment of the Sonoran Desert and sustainability through hands-on learning activities that support the academic standards set by the Arizona State Board of Education.

For more information, contact Ariane Francis at 480-782-2886.

Take a self-guided journey along the Chandler Solar System Walk, a series of monuments and signs representing the sun, planets and other objects in our solar system, placed at scale distances along the pathway that surrounds the park's lake. This is an easy, ½-mile walk. Great for all ages! Stop inside the Center to pick up an information packet. Visit www.chandlersolarsystemwalk.com.

CLASSES FOR KIDS & PARENTS

CARBON FOOTPRINT	See page 53
INTRODUCTION TO FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION	See page 73
MINERAL MYTHS AND IDENTIFICATION	See page 73
REPTILES OF ARIZONA	See page 57

Outdoor Programs

NOCTURNAL NATURE HIKES

Come and join us for this 60-minute moon-lit hike of Veterans Oasis Park. Along the way we will look and listen for the creatures that come out only after sunset as temperatures begin to drop. Your nature guide will interpret whatever you come across on the tour. For added fun, bring a UV flashlight and discover how scorpions can glow in the dark.

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Location: Veterans Oasis Park By Curve-Billed Thrasher Ramada

	Resident fee: \$7		Non-resident fee: \$10		
4EE620	Sa	6/10	8-9 p.m.	8 yrs+	
4EE621	Sa	7/8	8-9 p.m.	8 yrs+	
4EE622	Sa	8/5	8-9 p.m.	8 yrs+	

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXCURSIONS

DATE	EXCURSION	NOTES
Sa 7/29	Mt. Lemmon Summit Excursion	Involves riding a chairlift and hiking less than 1 mile
Sa 8/5	Natural Arch Excursion	Involves hiking 1 to 3 miles
Sa 8/12	San Francisco Peaks Excursion	Involves riding a chairlift and hiking less than 1 mile
Sa 8/19	Intro To Caving Excursion	Crawl, climb, slide, and squeeze in small spaces
Sa 8/26	Cibecue Canyon Excursion	Rocky and slippery trail with many water crossings. Good balance is necessary because falling is likely.

For questions on difficulty levels, contact Dexter Belling at 480-782-2895.

See pages 72 and 73 for program details.