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## **GLENDALE COORDINATES FREE EVENTS AS PART OF ARIZONA SCITECH FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – What do chocolate, butterflies, hockey, healthcare and airplanes all have in common? The city of Glendale’s 2013 Passport to Science.

Get ready for an inspiring and fun scientific journey through Glendale and the West Valley beginning Feb. 8 through March 16, as part of the Arizona SciTech Festival. The statewide SciTech Festival, a joint ASU-Arizona Tech Council initiative, kicked off last year as an Arizona Centennial Celebration aimed at breaking away from Arizona’s “Five C’s” and ushering in a new economic era focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in the state. The festival is about showcasing Arizona’s assets and changing the culture here by making science-led education and careers a way of the future.

In 2012, the “Science of Chocolate” was a SciTech Festival event at the annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire; proving very popular with attendees, the city is bringing that component back to the event but also has coordinated a great deal more opportunities for West Valley residents to experience and learn about science and technology.

In fact, families can make a fun experience out of this with Glendale’s Passport to Science, a new concept developed to encourage the public to take part in many of these free educational, hands-on events. Passports can be downloaded from the city’s website at [www.glendaleaz.com/science](http://www.glendaleaz.com/science). At each Glendale Passport to Science event, look for the AZ SciTech booth or representative and you will be invited to join a challenge activity. Once the activity is complete, you will get your passport stamped. Once you accumulate four stamps, you will be eligible to get a Glendale Passport Swag Bag filled with prizes from our local partners; at the fourth stamp location, the SciTech representative will give out the prize bag.

Below is a listing of the Passport to Science events in Glendale and the West Valley, which are all free of charge:

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- Friday-Sunday, Feb. 8-10: Science of Chocolate experience at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire in Downtown Glendale.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12: Create a Habitat Garden to Attract Birds and Butterflies, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., 6-7:45 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 15: Grand Opening Celebration of the Glendale Community College North Campus Observatory, 5727 W. Happy Valley Rd., 7-9 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 22: Glendale Community College SciTech Festival, Main Campus, 6000 W. Olive Ave., 4-7-p.m.
- Saturday, March 2: Open Door at ASU West, West Campus, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9: STEM Takes Flight at West-MEC, Glendale Municipal Airport, 107<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues, 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, March 9: Get Energized at Glendale Solar Day, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., 10 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, March 12: Hands-On Healthcare: Blood, Spit and Tears, Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Ave., 4-7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16: The Science of Hockey, Westgate Entertainment District, Loop 101 and Glendale Ave., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Additional events going on in the area that have a reasonable charge to attend:

- Saturday, Feb. 23: Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge: Train Like an Astronaut, Challenger Space Center, 21170 N. 83rd Ave., time TBA
- Sunday, March 3: Science at the Ballpark, Camelback Ranch-Glendale, 10710 W. Camelback Rd., \$3 child entry (limit four with one adult full-price game ticket), 1:05 p.m.

For additional information on these events and Glendale's Passport to Science, visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/science](http://www.glendaleaz.com/science). For a complete listing of all Arizona SciTech Festival events across the Valley, visit

<http://azscitechfest.asu.edu/events>.

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