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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO STAY ACTIVE AND LEARN

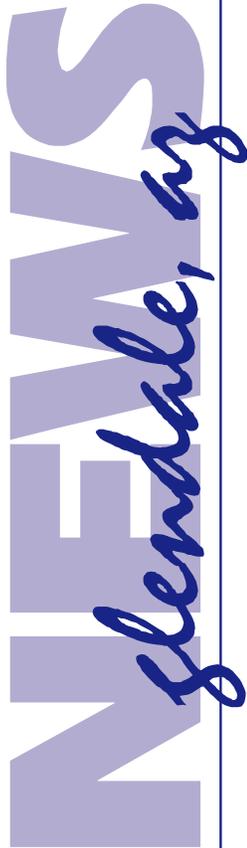
GLENDALE, Ariz. – School's almost out for the summer, but that doesn't mean kids have to be glued to the TV set for the next three months. Summer opens up a world of exciting possibilities for kids, from art camps to juggling and jewelry making to fitness programs, swim lessons and basketball clinics – you name it, Glendale's got it!

Parks and Recreation programs

Glendale's Parks & Recreation Department programs a wealth of activities to keep children off the couch in the summertime. Two schools provide full-time licensed child care May 31-Aug. 12, or for part-time activities, check out the Recreation Drop-in Program at various sites throughout the city, in which games, arts and crafts and field trips are on the agenda for a small fee. Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center also has its own drop-in recreation program, called Foothills 360, in which swimming, water sliding and enjoying the lazy river will be part of the fun once a week! Foothills 360 runs May 31-Aug. 5.

Other recreational activities include the challenging Kids Get Fit Adventure Program, Fitness 4 Teens, Adventures in History Camp at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area, ice skating camp, art camp and the AZ Hoops Camp Coed Basketball Clinic.

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Finally, what would summer be without water? Glendale's aquatics program offers swim lessons and recreational swimming at both the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and the Rose Lane Aquatics Center.

For more information on fees and registration, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Library programs

Activities abound at the three locations of the Glendale Public Library. The main attraction is often the Summer Reading Program, which runs May 31-July 30. Open to all children up to age 18, with prizes for reading levels achieved, it inspires brains to stay sharp during summer months when school is the furthest thing from the mind! The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by *The Arizona Republic* and The Arizona Diamondbacks.

Also teens can get involved with fun classes such as jewelry making and other art projects, baby-sitting workshops, cooking classes, or they can join in a karaoke competition, celebrate a favorite book with Harry Potter fans or *The Hunger Games*, and much more. Children will enjoy storytelling adventures, movie matinees, toddler water play days, arts and crafts projects, puppet theater, and even special visits with animals from the Wildlife World Zoo. Most library programs and events are free. For more information on dates, times and locations, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library or call 623-930-3530.

In addition, a special Summer Art Camp is offered, which is sponsored by the Glendale Arts Commission. Children ages 6-13 can take part in activities like screen printing, play writing, print making, sculpting and much more. Each workshop is \$20, and will take place in the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch, at various dates and times in June and July. To register for the Art Camp, call 623-930-3547 or email jfleming@glendaleaz.com.

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Teen volunteer opportunities

Volunteer options for teens are available at all three Glendale libraries. Volunteers at the Main Library and Foothills branch, ages 14-18, can assist with various activities such as shelving and sorting materials, craft and activity programs, computers and other tasks around the youth department. The teens also work the summer reading program table, passing out prizes and registering participants, and help with youth and teen library events. At the Velma Teague branch teens, ages 12-18, can help with similar duties, but can also participate in the Teen Library Council, in which they will provide input on the selection of books and music for the library's teen collection, and participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. The Teen Council meets the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information on the Teen Council, call 623-930-3441. For more information on library volunteer opportunities, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library and download a volunteer application.

Another volunteer opportunity for teens is available through the Parks and Recreation Department. If a teen is interested in becoming a lifeguard, they can enroll in the Junior Lifeguard program, which is a two-week course with varying levels. Upon completion, teens are able to volunteer at a city pool the remainder of the summer to gain first-hand experience. This is a great preparatory course for anyone considering a future lifeguard job. No actual lifeguard/CPR certifications are earned in this course, but it serves as an introduction into what lifeguarding is all about. For more information or to register, call 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

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