



THE KIDS' **GUIDE**

40+ FAMILY-FRIENDLY IDEAS FOR THE
PERFECT SCOTTSDALE VACATION



WHETHER YOU'RE TRAVELING WITH TODDLERS, teens or kids in between, Scottsdale offers plenty of sun and fun for the whole family. In this guide, you'll find helpful pre-planning tips, information on

kids camps and special events, and a list of 40 fabulous activities and attractions for kids. There are also word games, fun facts and a coloring page to help your young travelers learn about Scottsdale's unique Sonoran Desert setting.

DISCOVERING NATIVE AMERICA

BEFORE YOU GO

Here are a few things you can do ahead of time to make your Scottsdale vacation practically carefree!

CONSIDER A SUITE

Many suites include kitchenettes that are perfect for preparing simple meals and snacks in-room. Plus, two-room suites provide separate spaces for naptime and playtime, and also give mom and dad a little well-deserved privacy.

REQUEST A LATE CHECKOUT

If your child naps in the morning or you just need some extra time to get packed, request a late check-out in advance; most hotels and resorts will accommodate you unless they're fully booked.

EXPLORE SITTING AND DAY CARE OPTIONS

Many of Scottsdale's hotels and resorts provide on-property options for child care, from licensed babysitting services to half- and full-day kids' camps. Contact your concierge for information.

SCHEDULE SOME DOWNTIME

There's no doubt about it, Scottsdale is full of exciting things to do! But be sure to plan for relaxation time, too. Consider splitting up once in a while – one parent can relax with a spa treatment while the other takes the kids to the pool. Or one of you can hit the tees while the other takes the kids to enjoy some time at a local museum.

INVOLVE KIDS IN PLANNING

Letting kids pick out their favorite activities before you travel ensures that everyone gets to do some of the things they like. Compromise is still key, but taking preferences into account ahead of time will help keep everyone happy.

THINGS TO BRING

Thanks to Scottsdale's casual, laid-back style, packing for your trip is a breeze. Here are a few items that will help your family enjoy their time in Scottsdale, no matter what's on the itinerary:

- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Hats
- Bathing suits
- Sunglasses
- Water shoes/sandals
- Camera
- Favorite Toys
- Nightlight



1. DISCOVER NATIVE CULTURE AT THE HYATT REGENCY SCOTTSDALE

At the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's Native American learning center, you'll find a variety of exhibits that explore Native history, culture and teachings. And every Friday night, free performances of Native American music and dance, including world-championship-level hoop dancing, delight crowds of all ages.

HYATT REGENCY SCOTTSDALE RESORT AND SPA AT GAINNEY RANCH

7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale
480.444.1234 | scottsdale.hyatt.com

Admission: Free

Hours: Native American Learning Center, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Native American Dancing, Fridays at 5 p.m.

2. ENJOY HANDS-ON FUN AT THE HEARD MUSEUM

Learn about desert creatures at the Southwest Puzzle Pole or make a colorful hummingbird! It's hands-on fun that explores the diverse Native American cultures of North America. At the Heard Museum in Phoenix, you can explore a full-scale replica of a Navajo dwelling and see colorful Hopi katsina dolls.

HEARD MUSEUM

2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.252.8848 | heard.org

Admission: Adults \$18; Students w/ ID \$7.50; Kids 6-12 \$7.50; Free for members, Native Americans and kids 5 and under.

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



3. DIG IT! EXPLORE ARCHAEOLOGY AT PUEBLO GRANDE

At Pueblo Grande's "Dig It: Explore Archaeology" exhibit, you'll learn how archaeologists study clues from ancient and historic sites to learn about the people who once lived there. You'll also build your own miniature Hohokam village and explore a life-size replica of an excavated trench wall where you can experience the science and excitement of archaeology first hand!

PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM & ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK

4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix

602.495.0900 | pueblogrande.com

Admission: Adults \$6; Students (6-17) \$3; 5 and under free; Sundays are free for everyone under 17.

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Closed Sundays and Mondays May through Sept.



DESERT DELIGHTS



4. GO OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Climb aboard a Jeep, Hummer or self-drive Tomcar or C2 vehicle for an up-close-and-personal tour of the Sonoran Desert! Knowledgeable guides will tell you about the plants and animals that make our desert one of the world's most delicate ecosystems. You'll travel to some of the Sonoran Desert's most remote areas and see sites like abandoned mines, ghost towns and ruins of ancient civilizations. Options can include gold panning, target shooting and combo tours that add horseback riding or river rafting excursions.

Admission: Prices vary; Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor operators.

Tour Time: Half- and full-day tours are available.

Note: Age 2+ for most tours; age guidelines vary by outfitter.

5. SADDLE UP!

Put on your boots and spurs because it's time for some cowboy-style Sonoran Desert adventure! Whether you're a green-horn or an experienced rider, Scottsdale's outfitters have the ideal horse for you. Once you're saddled up, your guide will lead you down pristine desert trails where you'll encounter curious desert wildlife and beautiful plants and cacti. Options vary by outfitter and can include river crossings, cattle drives, stagecoach and hayrides, and pony rides for the little buckaroos.

Admission: Prices vary; Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor operators.

Tour Time: Rides from 1-hour to full day are available.

Note: Age 5+ for most rides, age guidelines vary by outfitter.

6. HIT THE TRAIL

For the closest look at the Sonoran Desert – take a hike! The Gateway at Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve is a great place to start. One of the many trails branching out from the Gateway is the Bajada Nature trail, which offers interactive exhibits on desert plants and wildlife. Also offered at the Gateway is the seasonal Family Friday Sunset Series, which offers hands-on learning about topics like "Creatures of the Sonoran Desert" and "All About Saguaros." Guided hikes with area adventure companies also are a great way to get out and do some fun Sonoran explorin'!

Admission: Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve is free for self-guided hikes as well as some guided outings with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor operators.

Tour Time: Vary from less than 1 hour to full-day.

Note: The Gateway and Bajada Nature Trail are appropriate for all ages; for other trails, take into

account your child's fitness level and attention span.

mcdowellsonoran.org

7. FLY HIGH IN A HOT-AIR BALLOON

Get a bird's-eye view of the Sonoran Desert from the basket of a hot-air balloon! You'll be able to watch as your pilot and crew roll out the colorful balloon and inflate it with large fans at the launch site. After you hop into the basket, you'll take off gently and fly high over cactus-studded mountains, valleys and washes. Because the balloons are so quiet, you'll see desert animals scurrying about, undisturbed in their natural habitat. When you land, you'll receive a certificate commemorating your flight!

Admission: Prices vary; Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor operators.

Tour Time: 3-4 hours

Note: Age 8+, age guidelines vary by outfitter.



8. PEDAL POWER

For fun and thrills embark on a mountain biking excursion! Guided trips will take you along scenic trails, livestock paths and paved roads for a Sonoran Desert adventure that will get your adrenaline pumping. If you're looking for a more relaxing biking experience, rent a cruising bike and head for the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt. Miles of paved trails lead from central Scottsdale to Tempe with parks along the way that offer ramadas, lakes, picnic areas and more.

Admission: Access to the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt is free. Guided tours vary; Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor operators.

Note: Must be old enough to ride and control a mountain bike for guided adventure rides.

Tour Time: 1-4 hours

THE WILD WEST



9. MINE FOR FUN AT GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN

Follow the historic Apache Trail to Goldfield Ghost Town! In its heyday, Goldfield was a bustling mining town that boasted three saloons, a boarding house, general store, blacksmith shop, brewery and a school house. Though the town went bust in the early 1900s, it's since come back to life as a popular attraction that features staged gunfights, gold panning, tours of the Mammoth Gold Mine and Lu Lu's Bordello, and rides on the Superstition Narrow Gauge Railroad. Jeep tours and horseback rides add to the excitement! Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Mammoth Steakhouse & Saloon.

GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN

4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd., Goldfield
480.983.0333 | goldfieldghosttown.com

Admission: Admission for Mammoth Mine and other tours and shows ranges from free to \$8; Jeep and horseback tours priced separately.

Hours: Town open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily; Saloon open 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily

TRAVEL TIP

PINT-SIZE PAMPERING

Several of Scottsdale's spas offer pampering treatments for kids and teens. Try the Ice Cream Mani-Pedi at The Phoenician's Centre for Well-Being or the Bubble Yummy Mani-Pedi at The Spa at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale.



10. EXPERIENCE ARIZONA PIONEER LIFE

Visit territorial Arizona and discover what it was like to live like a pioneer! You'll see the tools and implements Arizona's settlers used to tame the frontier. On the self-guided walking tour of the village, you'll see numerous original and restored buildings, including the Ashurst Cabin, Gordon School and the Opera House. There's even a Cowboy Action Shootout every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning (weather and volunteers permitting).

PIONEER LIVING HISTORY VILLAGE

3901 West Pioneer Rd., Phoenix
623.465.1052 | pioneeraz.org

Admission: Adults \$9; Veterans and Seniors \$8; Children under 18 \$7; Under 5 free

Hours: Sept. 6-May: Wed.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; June-Sept. 5: Wed.-Sun. 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.



11. TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AT RAWHIDE

Saddle-up, pardner! We're hittin' the trail for Rawhide 1880s Western Town. Check out the roughest and toughest cowboy stuntmen at the Six Gun Theater or join J.P. Sage as he shows you how the six-gun tamed the West. Burro and stagecoach rides, the "Deadman's Drop" rock climbing wall, a shootin' gallery and the desert train ride add to the fun. Plus, the Rawhide Steakhouse offers gourmet gunslinger grub the whole family will enjoy.

RAWHIDE WESTERN TOWN & STEAKHOUSE AT WILD HORSE PASS

5700 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler
480.502.5600 | rawhide.com

Admission: Free (excluding special events)

Hours: Hours vary seasonally; see website for current information.



12. GIDDY-UP! MACDONALD'S RANCH OFFERS COWBOY-STYLE FUN

Gather up your buckaroos and explore the West like the cowboys did – from the back of a trusty horse! MacDonald's Ranch offers horseback and stagecoach tours of the breathtaking Sonoran Desert. Kids of all ages will enjoy the petting zoo, and for the littlest cowpokes (those under 5) MacDonald's offers free pony rides.

MACDONALD'S RANCH

26540 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 480.585.0239 | macdonaldsranch.com

Cost: Horseback rides: \$48 adults | \$45 kids 12 and under for 1 hour, \$75 adults | \$70 kids for 2 hours; Stagecoach rides: \$45 adults | \$40 kids 12 and under for 45-60 minute tour

Hours: Advance reservations required for all rides

Note: Horseback riders must be at least 5 years old. Toddlers up to 5 can ride ponies for free

EATS & TREATS



13. SPORTS FANS RULE AT DON & CHARLIE'S

Don & Charlie's is the place to be for sports fans of all ages! This big, friendly restaurant is a virtual shrine to sports memorabilia, including autographed photos, celebrity caricatures, signed magazine covers and more. Choices on Don's Clubhouse Kids' Menu include cheeseburgers, chicken tenders and Natalie's special spaghetti and meatballs.

DON & CHARLIE'S

7501 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale
480.990.0900 | donandcharlies.com

Cost: Average children's entrée \$7.95; Average adult entrée \$16 - \$25.

Hours: Opens at 5 p.m. daily.



16. ENJOY ALL-AMERICAN FAVORITES AT ZINBURGER

Is your crew craving a burger and fries? Make a beeline for Zinburger. This bright, airy restaurant, located on the east side of Scottsdale Quarter, offers a lineup of juicy burgers made from Certified Angus or Kobe beef, as well as turkey burgers and Clint's "Almost Famous" Veggie Burger. Toppings range from kid-friendly basics to manchego cheese, Zinfandel-braised onions and applewood smoked bacon. Add an order of Double Truffle fries and a Nutella Hazelnut Crunch milkshake and you're good to go!

ZINBURGER

Scottsdale Quarter, 15257 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.285.0690 | zinburgeraz.com

Cost: Average children's entrée \$5; Average adult entrée \$12.50.

Hours: Sun. – Thurs., 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Fri. – Sat., 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

14. DELIGHTFUL SWEETS & TREATS

Duck fat toffee, homemade licorice and chocolate bacon caramel corn – as if all that doesn't sound delightful enough, the masterminds behind Super Chunk Sweets & Treats have even more unique and tasty indulgences for you to try. They describe their offerings as "small-batch, handcrafted confections with a slant towards traditional American flavors using unique ingredients and creative techniques." Simply stated, it's a must-try for all ages!

SUPER CHUNK SWEETS & TREATS

7120 E. 6th Ave. #19, Scottsdale
602.736.2383 | superchunk.me

Hours: Mon. – Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.



15. LIFE IS SWEETER AT THE SUGAR BOWL

This bubble-gum pink landmark in Old Town Scottsdale is a must-stop on any family itinerary. For more than 50 years, the Huntress family has been serving frosty ice cream treats and classic American comfort food from their 1950s-style soda fountain. The late local cartoonist Bil Keane was such a fan that the Sugar Bowl was often featured in his "Family Circus" cartoon strip. Stop by for a patty melt, PB&J, cheeseburger or tea sandwiches, but make sure to save room for dessert!

SUGAR BOWL ICE CREAM PARLOR & RESTAURANT

4005 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.946.0051 | sugarbowlscottsdale.com

Cost: Average entrée <\$10

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (until midnight Fri.-Sat.)



ART & MUSIC



17. FEEL YOUNG@ART AT SMOCA

Run by the education staff at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, the Young@Art Gallery features creative works by youth. Past exhibits have included “Cycles: From Fields to Cities,” asking children to think about their city’s design, and “Art in Motion,” where students created artful, rideable sculptures revolving around the theme of motion. And steps away from the museum is the grassy Scottsdale Civic Center Mall and Robert Indiana’s iconic LOVE sculpture.

SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

SMoCA’s young@art gallery is located inside the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts building, immediately adjacent to SMOCA at: 7380 E. Second St., Scottsdale

480.874.4666 | smoca.org

Admission: \$10 adults; \$7 students; Free: 15 & under and on Thursdays.

Hours: Closed Mondays; Tues. - Wed. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Thurs. - Sat. 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

TRAVEL TIP

FREE DOWNTOWN TROLLEY

Scottsdale’s free downtown trolley runs every day (except major holidays) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Trolleys run every 10 minutes throughout the downtown districts.



18. CELEBRATE CREATIVITY AT PHOENIX ART MUSEUM

Explore the exciting world of art, starting with the PhxArtKids Gallery! This interactive gallery is full of hands-on and “brains-on” activities for youngsters. You also can check out a free Kid-Pack at the Admissions Desk. These child-size backpacks are filled with activity cards, puzzles and other creative challenges that correspond to art in the Museum’s collection.

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM

1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.257.1222 | phxart.org

Admission: Adults \$18; Kids 6-17 \$9; under 5 free.

Hours: Wed. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thu.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



19. IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT SCOTTSDALE DESERT STAGES THEATRE

This award-winning theatre offers children’s, mainstage and small cast productions in an intimate setting that draws you right into the show! Scottsdale’s premier community theatre is celebrating 15 years of bringing high-quality theatre productions to audiences of all ages.

SCOTTSDALE DESERT STAGES THEATRE

4720 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.483.1664 | desertstages.org

Admission: \$15-\$25

Hours (box office): Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



20. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM HITS THE PERFECT NOTE

MIM is the world’s first global instrument museum that allows you to venture into different regions of the world to discover their unique instruments and music. Chinese opera, big band jazz ensembles and the instruments of a mariachi band are all here for you to see and hear. Don’t miss the Experience Gallery in which you can touch, play and hear exotic instruments from cultures around the world

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix 480.478.6000 | mim.org

Admission: Adults \$20; Ages 13 – 19 \$15; Ages 4 – 12 \$10; 3 and under free

Hours: Mon. – Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MUSEUM MANIA

21. PLAY & LEARN AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

Make your way through oodles of noodles suspended from the ceiling of the Noodle Forest. Take a tricycle for a spin at Pedal Power. Get creative at the Art Studio, an innovative workshop with exposed brick walls and tons of hands-on fun.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

215 N. 7th St., Phoenix

602.253.0501 | childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

Admission: Adults and kids over 1 \$11; under 1 free

Hours: Tue.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



22. DON'T FEED THE DINOSAURS

For all the Dinosaurs that roar (and a whole lot more), the Arizona Museum of Natural History is the place to be! You'll watch a flash flood at Dinosaur Mountain; see full-size skeletons of mammoths, mastodons and the one-toed Hagerman Horse; and walk under eight-foot-wide megalodon jaws. It's all here as you explore Arizona and the Southwest from the creation of the earth some 4.5 billion years ago to the present!

ARIZONA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

53 N. MacDonald, Mesa

480.644.2230 | azmnh.org

Admission: Adults \$12; Students 13+ (w/ID) \$8; Kids

3-12 \$7; under 2 free.

Hours: Tue.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



23. SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST

Engage in hands-on activities at this new museum that tells the story of the American West through art and cultural artifacts, including spurs, badges and cowboy gear galore! Tie a ranching knot at the roping exhibit, play with slider puzzles and board games, or create a work of art at the rubbing station. Plus, "step" into the Western scene at the museum's 3D mural. Walking on this illusive mural, which covers approximately 400 square feet of wall and floor space, makes for a fantastic photo opportunity!

WESTERN SPIRIT: SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST

3830 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale

480.686.9539 | scottsdalemuseumwest.org

Admission: Adults \$13; Seniors and active military \$11; Students and kids 6-17 \$8; Members and kids 5 and under free

Hours: Tue.-Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; extended hours on Thursdays to 9 p.m.



24. HAVE FUN WITH PHYSICS AT THE ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER

Discover the fabulous world of science with more than 300 hands-on exhibits in five themed galleries! You'll experience the thrill of a high-wire physics lesson. Explore the science of the earth and learn about the movement of the tectonic plates and the power of wind and sand erosion. You can even "get a grip" on science at the 15-foot climbing wall! An IMAX Theater and the Dorrance Planetarium add to the excitement for kids of all ages.

ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER

600 E. Washington St., Phoenix 602.716.2000 | azscience.org

Admission: Adults \$18; Kids 3-17 \$13; Kids under 2 admitted free; IMAX, Planetarium and Featured Exhibition tickets sold separately

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

TRAVEL TIP

SUMMER SPLASH

Scottsdale's resort water parks are fun any time of year, but summer brings even more excitement to area pools. Dive-in movies, poolside deejays and laser lights are just some of the offerings you'll find. Check with your individual resort to see what they have on tap for "cool" summer nights.



TRUCKS & TRAINS

SPOTLIGHT: KIDS' CAMPS

Scottsdale's resorts welcome young travelers with everything from day-long kids' camps and themed activities to game rooms and pint-sized in-room amenities. Here are just a few of the offerings that are sure to please parents and children alike.



HYATT REGENCY SCOTTSDALE –

At Camp Hyatt, kids can hear cowboy storytellers, learn about desert reptiles, create Native American headbands or pinch pots and play games in the water park. Ages 3 to 5 & 6 to 12.

scottsdale.hyatt.com



FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS –

The Trailblazers Kids Club offers a different signature theme activity every day of the week, from exploring the resort and its wildlife to making s'mores in a solar oven. Other activities include board games, crafts, ping pong and swimming. Each day ends with an ice cream social. Ages 5 to 12.

fairmont.com/scottsdale



FOUR SEASONS RESORT SCOTTSDALE –

Learn the Secrets of the Sonoran or try your hand at Cowboy Crafts with Kids for All Seasons (KFAS). The KFAS facility also offers a pool, ping pong tables, LEGO tables and rooms for playing Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii. Ages 5 to 12.

fourseasons.com/scottsdale



THE PHOENICIAN –

Activities at the Phoenician Kids Club include sports, a Cactus Garden Tour, arts and crafts, and playground activity, as well as interactive games like Wii, Charades, Bingo and other board games. Ages 5 to 12. thephoenician.com



WESTIN KIERLAND RESORT & SPA –

With the Westin Kids Club, young children can enjoy hours of activities, games, and arts and crafts. The Westin Kierland also offers the Kids Pajama Party where children enjoy activities, crafts,

dinner and a movie with the resort's FUN Team while parents enjoy a quiet evening together. Ages 4 to 12. kierlandresort.com



25. RIDE THE RAILS AT MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK

Ride the Paradise and Pacific Railroad along a one-mile track! The railroad was built as an exact 5/12 (five inches equals one foot) reproduction of a Colorado narrow-gauge railroad and features three steam locomotives, two diesel engines, a turntable and trestles. The park also offers carousel rides, museum exhibits, playgrounds and the Snackstop Caboose.

MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK

7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale

480.312.2312 | therailroadpark.com

Admission: Admission to the park is free; ticket books for rides and exhibits are \$10 for 12 tickets; single tickets are \$1 each

Hours: Vary by season. Park opens at 10 a.m. daily from Sept. through May and 9 a.m. daily from June through Aug. Visit website for detailed information.



26. THINGS ARE HOT AT THE HALL OF FLAME

If you love fire trucks, the Hall of Flame is the place for you! This museum honoring fire fighters and the equipment they use houses more than 90 fully restored pieces of fire apparatus dating from 1725 to 1969. Fire engines, fire-fighting gear and a replica of a Forest Service fire lookout are just some of the displays that you'll see.

HALL OF FLAME

6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix

602.275.3473 | hallofflame.org

Admission: Adults \$7; Students 6-17 \$5; Kids 3-5 \$2; under 3 free
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FLORA & FAUNA



27. MONKEYS AND ZEBRAS AND ELEPHANTS, OH, MY!

Ever wonder what an ocelot or a meerkat looks like up close? Or why zebras have stripes and cheetahs have spots? Find out at the Phoenix Zoo! The zoo is home to more than 1,300 animals, including 200 endangered species. Daily activities include the Safari Trains and Carts, Monkey Village, Giraffe Encounter, Stingray Bay Experience and a petting zoo. There are even pedal boat rentals and playgrounds like Yakulla Caverns and Leapin' Lagoon. Enjoy lunch or snacks at the Zoo's Harmony Farm or Cavern Café.

PHOENIX ZOO

455 North Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602.273.1341 | phoenixzoo.org
Admission: Adults \$20; Kids 3-13 \$14;
Kids 2 and under free
Hours: Vary seasonally. See website for current information.



28. BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND

Flutter over to Scottsdale's newest world-class attraction, Butterfly Wonderland on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. This one-of-a-kind museum boasts a 3-D feature film

about the flight of the Monarch butterflies, a Butterfly Emergence Gallery, the largest butterfly pavilion in the United States with butterflies from around the world, and several interactive exhibits showcasing other natural wonders like honeybees, ants and sea life.

BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND

9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
480.800.3000 | butterflywonderland.com
Admission: Adults \$19.95; Kids 3 – 12 \$12.95;
under 2 free.
Hours: Open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



29. WALK ON THE WILD SIDE AT OUT OF AFRICA

At Out of Africa, you'll see tigers play and splash in a pool, feed treats to gentle giraffes and learn about giant snakes. This unique park gives you the opportunity to view a variety of animals, both large and small, in expansive natural habitats. You can explore the wildlife preserve on foot or on a tram tour. Out of Africa is located in Camp Verde, an easy 90-minute drive north of Scottsdale.

OUT OF AFRICA WILDLIFE PARK

3505 W. State Route 260, Camp Verde
928.567.2840 | outofafricapark.com
Admission: Adults \$33; Kids 3-12 \$16.50; under 3 free.
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas days).



30. BE A "DESERT DETECTIVE" AT THE DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

Follow the clues on the Desert Botanical Garden's Desert Detective bingo sheets and learn how plants and animals survive in desert environments. In addition to its five thematic trails, the Garden also offers seasonal activities and events like the Butterfly Pavilion (fall and spring) and after-dark flashlight tours (summer).

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
480.941.1225 | dbg.org
Admission: Adults \$22; Students 13-18 and college w/ ID \$12; Kids 3-12 \$10; under 3 free.
Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

31. EXPLORE THE OCEANS

There are sharks in the Sonoran Desert. And penguins, jelly fish and octopus, too! Odyssey Aquarium is the largest of its kind in the Southwest and features a variety of exhibits, including Rivers of the World, Penguins and The Great Barrier Reef. You'll move to each level via acrylic tunnels while viewing some of the most fascinating animals from the world's oceans and rivers.

ODYSEA AQUARIUM

9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale
480.313.8837 | odyseaaquarium.com
Visit website for hours of operation and admission fees.

TRAVEL TIP



FREE STORYBOOK PODCASTS

Check out the free storybook podcasts at iTunes. They're perfect for the flight or drive to Scottsdale, as well as quiet times once you're here.

WET & WILD



32. COOL POOLS

Scottsdale's resorts offer some of the coolest pools around! Here are a few local favorites that promise hours of wet and wild fun!

Hang 10 at the Westin Kierland

Surfing in the desert? You bet! The newest addition to the Westin Kierland Resort's Adventure Water Park is the Kierland FlowRider – a simulated wave that combines the look of surfing, the ride of snowboarding and the tricks of skateboarding! Best of all, no skill is required!

THE WESTIN KIERLAND RESORT & SPA

6902 E. Greenway Pkwy., Scottsdale
480.624.1000 | kierlandresort.com

Note: Open to resort guests only; height restrictions apply to FlowRider.

Dive into The Phoenician's Cool Pools

The Phoenician offers two children's pools and a 165-foot twisting waterslide that make for plenty of fun in the sun. When you've worked up an appetite, head on over to the Oasis Pool Bar for treats like grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs and ice cream.

THE PHOENICIAN

6000 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale
480.941.8200 | thephoenician.com

Note: Open to resort guests only.

Make a Splash at The Fairmont Scottsdale

Nothing says wet-and-wild fun like waterslides and you'll find two towers of sliding fun at The

Fairmont's Sonoran Splash recreation area! The Sonoran Splash pool also has a zero-entry deck area, which is perfect for little swimmers. The Fairmont boasts five pools in all, as well as the Pool Bar that will help you handle snack attacks.

THE FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS

7575 East Princess Dr., Scottsdale
480.585.4848 | fairmont.com/Scottsdale

Note: Open to resort guests only; swimmers must be 42" tall to ride the waterslides.

Find Acres of Fun at the Hyatt's Water Playground

Ten swimming pools, 45 waterfalls and more than 2.5 acres of fun are yours at the Hyatt's newly transformed Water Playground! The centerpiece of the complex is a three-story, high-speed water slide. Climb to the top of the tower, take in the spectacular views, then zip down the triple turns at 25 miles per hour! Four cabanas provide private lounge seating and the new H2Oasis offers sandwiches, salads, sweet treats and frosty beverages.

HYATT REGENCY SCOTTSDALE RESORT AND SPA AT GAINEY RANCH

7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale
480.444.1234 | scottsdale.hyatt.com

Note: Open to resort guests only.

33. TOTALLY TUBE-U-LAR FUN

Known as Arizona's "floating picnic," tubing on the Lower Salt River is a great way to soak up the sun and enjoy Scottsdale's Sonoran Desert

scenery, including wildlife like javelina, hawks and wild horses. Rent a tube from Salt River Tubing & Recreation, then hop on the shuttle bus for a ride to the river and enjoy the warm sunshine and cool river waters!

SALT RIVER TUBING & RECREATION

9200 N. Bush Hwy., Mesa, 7 miles north of the Highway 202/Power Road exit

480.984.3305 | saltrivertubing.com

Admission: \$17 (all ages) for tube rental and shuttle service.

Hours: Open daily 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (last tube rental at 3 p.m.) from late April through Labor Day.

Note: Age 8+; must be taller than 48 inches.



34. RIDE THE RIVER

The Salt River just east of Scottsdale provides freshwater fun for the whole family! For high adventure, rafting excursions on the Upper Salt provide thrills and chills on Class III and IV rapids with names like Wall Slammer and Overboard. Steep canyon walls and Sonoran Desert scenery add to the adventure. For a more relaxing calm-water float, the lush desert oasis of the Lower Salt provides mild rapids that are perfect for rafting, tubing, canoeing and kayaking.

Cost: Prices vary; visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for a list of outdoor outfitters.

Tour Time: Half- and full-day tours are available.

Note: Age 8+ though age guidelines vary by outfitter.



35. SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS

Swim with bottlenose dolphins at the new Dolphinaris Arizona. As you wade into shallow water, dolphins swim by for a gentle caress. Landlubber and deeper-water encounters with these fascinating and highly evolved animals also are offered.

DOLPHINARIS ARIZONA

9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale

dolphinaris-arizona.com

Visit website for hours of operation and admission fees.

BE ACTIVE

36. PLAY A ROUND WITH SPINNERS ON THE GREEN

Try your hand at disc golf with gear from Spinners on the Green! Spinners is located within walking distance of the Shelly Sharpe Memorial Disc Golf Course at Vista Del Camino Park. You can also rent a bike and explore miles of well-maintained paths that run through Scottsdale's Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt.

SPINNERS ON THE GREEN

7607 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale
480.941.2513 | spinnersdiscgolf.com

Cost: Retail gear and bike rentals vary - see website for pricing.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

37. HIT A FAMILY-FUN HOME-RUN AT CRACKERJAX

With more than 28 acres of rides, games and activities, CrackerJax is a family fun paradise! Activities include the Bumper Boats Lagoon, Water Wars, miniature golf, batting cages and the new Bungy Dome. CrackerJax also offers an arcade, restaurant and a shaded, multi-level driving range.

CRACKERJAX FAMILY FUN & SPORTS PARK

16001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.998.2800 | crackerjax.com

Admission: Four-hour select-ride wristbands are \$25 on Fri.-Sun.; \$20 on Mon., Wed. and Thu.; \$15 Tue.
Hours: Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily with extended hours until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays
Note: Some rides have height requirements and an additional cost

38. GO VERTICAL AT AZ ON THE ROCKS

AZ on the Rocks is Arizona's largest indoor climbing gym and boasts walls up to 30 feet high! Whether you're an experienced climber or have never scaled a wall, AZ on the Rocks is here to help you learn the ropes and perfect your technique.

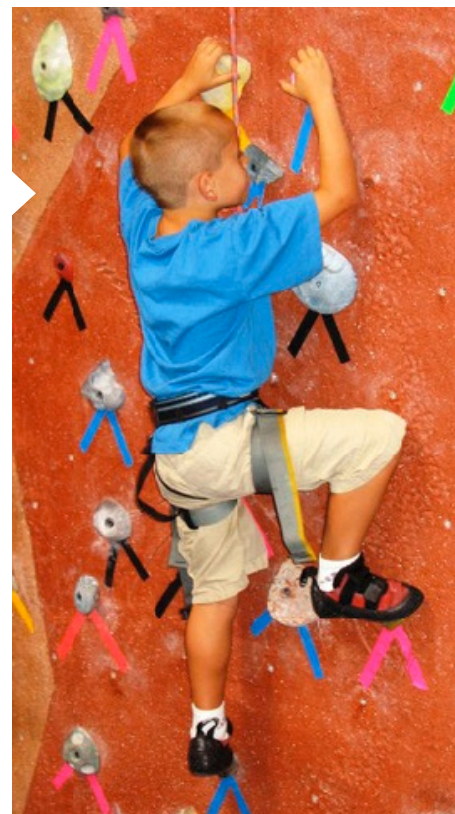
AZ ON THE ROCKS INDOOR CLIMBING

16447 N. 91st St., Ste. 105, Scottsdale
480.502.9777 | azontherocks.com

Admission: Family Climbing Day Pass is \$50 and includes gear rental; Individual climbing and bouldering passes also are available.

Hours: Mon., Wed. and Fri. 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Tue.-Thu. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Note: All climbers must sign waivers; parents must sign for kids under 18 - no exceptions.



40. REV IT UP AT OCTANE RACEWAY

Experience the excitement of high-speed, electric kart racing at Octane Raceway, home of the only full-time, indoor/outdoor track in the United States! Octane's new facility boasts a 1/3-mile racetrack, state-of-the-art, zero-emission electric karts that travel up to 45 miles per hour, and the Trackside Bar & Grill for refueling between races.

OCTANE RACEWAY

9119 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale 602.302.7223 | octaneraceway.com

Admission: Adults (16+ w/ drivers license) and Juniors \$19.95/race

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. to midnight; Sat. 10 a.m. to midnight; Sun. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Note: All racers must be at least 54 inches tall and must wear closed-toe shoes.

39. CHILL OUT AT THE ICE DEN

Strap on your skates and hit the ice at the official practice headquarters of the NHL's Arizona Coyotes! The Ice Den is open for public skating during select hours most Fridays and weekends, and also offers Family Nights and Teen Request Live skates featuring DJ-spun music, laser lights and free skate rental.

ICE DEN

9375 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale

480.585.7465 | coyotesice.com

Admission: Adults (16+) \$8*; Ages 6-15 \$6*; 5 and under \$5 ; *skate rentals not included in Adult and Ages 6-15 admission

Hours: See website for public skating times

TRAVEL TIP

TRAVEL LIGHT WITH ONLINE SHOPPING

If you're traveling with a baby, shop ahead online and have diapers, formula, bath products and other necessities shipped directly to your resort. Most Scottsdale resorts will gladly accept deliveries on your behalf and have them waiting in your room the day you arrive.

FORE & MORE

SPOTLIGHT: SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to the variety of annual sporting events featured to the right, Scottsdale offers a year-round calendar of special events that appeal to kids of all ages. Here are just a few to get you started:



NATIVE TRAILS (JAN. – MARCH)

Explore Native American cultures through song, dance and storytelling. Free.



PARADA DEL SOL PARADE & RODEO (FEB. / MAR.)

See the world's longest horse-drawn parade (free) and PRCA-sanctioned rodeo action.



MLB SPRING TRAINING (MARCH)

Scottsdale Stadium hosts the San Francisco Giants during spring training. Nearby, the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies

play at Salt River Fields on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.



SCOTTSDALE ARTS FESTIVAL (MARCH)

Featuring 200+ artists, live music, food trucks and kids activities.



FLASHLIGHT TOURS (MAY – AUG.)

Tour the Desert Botanical Garden after dark and see nighthawks, insects and night-blooming flowers.



SUMMER CONCERTS AT MCCORMICK-STILMAN RAILROAD PARK (MAY – JULY 4)

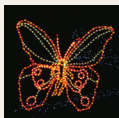
Grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy local bands at these free

Sunday-night concerts.



MIGHTY MUD MANIA (JUNE)

Kids can run the Mighty Mud or Mini Mud courses. Puddle pools offer muddy fun for tiny tots.



ZOOLIGHTS (NOV. – JAN.)

More than 300,000 holiday lights create magical displays throughout the zoo.



POLAR EXPRESS (NOV. – JAN.)

Ride the Grand Canyon Railway to the "North Pole" where you'll meet Santa Claus.

View more events at EventsinScottsdale.com

41. TEE IT UP!

Golf is a great activity for the whole family and a number of Scottsdale's most popular courses offer programs and junior golf academies designed specifically for young athletes. Most offer full instruction for beginners to advanced players, including swing analysis, rules and etiquette, sportsmanship, on-the-course training, and games and prizes. Here are just a few area courses that cater to young golfers:

EAGLE MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB – Summer Junior Boot Camp
14915 E. Eagle Mountain Pkwy., Fountain Hills
480.816.1234 | eaglemtn.com

GRAYHAWK GOLF CLUB – Junior Golf Camp
8620 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale
480.502.1800 | grayhawkgolf.com

KIERLAND GOLF CLUB – Junior Lessons
15636 N. Clubgate Dr., Scottsdale
480.624.1666 | kierlandgolf.com

MCCORMICK RANCH GOLF CLUB – Summer Junior Golf Academy
7505 E. McCormick Pkwy., Scottsdale
480.948.0260 | mccormickranchgolf.com

THE PHOENICIAN GOLF CLUB – Family Tees Program
6000 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale
480.423.2449 | thephoenician.com

MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB – Junior Golf Program
10690 E. Sheena Dr., Scottsdale
480.502.8200 | mcdowellmountaingolf.com

TROON NORTH GOLF CLUB – Troon Family Golf Program
10320 E. Dynamite Blvd., Scottsdale
480.585.5300 | troonnorthgolf.com



42. GAME ON!

Scottsdale is a sports fan's paradise that gives you easy access to all the major professional sports leagues, as well as MLB Spring Training, college football's Fiesta Bowl, PRCA-sanctioned rodeo competition, and the PGA TOUR's most well-attended tournament, the Waste Management Phoenix Open played at the TPC Scottsdale. Grab your tickets and catch the action today!

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS SPRING TRAINING (MARCH)
877.4SFGTIX | sfgiants.com

COLORADO ROCKIES & ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS SPRING TRAINING (MARCH)
saltriverfields.com

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS BASEBALL (APRIL-SEPT.)
602.462.6500 | azdiamondbacks.com

PHOENIX RISING SOCCER (FEB.-SEPT.)
623.594.9606 | phoenixrisingfc.com

PHOENIX MERCURY BASKETBALL (MAY-AUG.)
602.252.WNBA | wnba.com/mercury

ARIZONA CARDINALS FOOTBALL (SEPT.-DEC.)
602.379.0101 | azcardinals.com

ASU SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL (SEPT.-DEC.)
480.727.0000 | thesundevils.com

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE BASEBALL (OCT.-NOV.)
mlb.com

ARIZONA COYOTES HOCKEY (OCT.-APRIL)
480.563.PUCK | coyotes.nhl.com

PHOENIX SUNS BASKETBALL (NOV.-APRIL)
602.379.SUNS | suns.com

FIESTA BOWL (DEC.)
480.350.0911 | fiestabowl.org

MOTEL 6 CACTUS BOWL (DEC.)
480.350.0911 | fiestabowl.org

FUN FOR KIDS

Word Search

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- CACTUS WREN
- COYOTE
- HAWK
- JACKRABBIT
- JAVELINA
- MESQUITE
- PALO VERDE
- PRICKLY PEAR
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Bug me! Word Jumble

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FUN FOR KIDS

Photo Hunt

Can you find the five differences between these two pictures?



Desert Grossology

Impress your friends with these fun and icky facts from the Sonoran Desert



- Some species of horned lizards can rupture small capillaries around their eyes at will and squirt a bloody solution at would-be predators. This fluid not only surprises the predator, it also can be irritating to the predator's mucous membranes.



- The tail of the Western banded gecko has specialized fracture planes that allow it to easily break off if the lizard is caught by a predator. This allows the lizard to escape, leaving only its writhing tail behind. A new one will regrow.



- Walkingsticks, skinny stick-like insects, can regurgitate foul-smelling liquid and leak blood from their leg joints to distract a predator.



- Rattlesnakes shed their skin one to four times per year. Each time they shed, they add another segment to their "rattle," which vibrates back and forth more than 60 times per second to make the snake's distinctive warning sound.



- When threatened, pinacate beetles (more commonly known as stink bugs) stand on their heads and emit a toxic spray from their rear ends to deter predators.

FUN FOR KIDS

Scottsdale's Top 40 Crossword

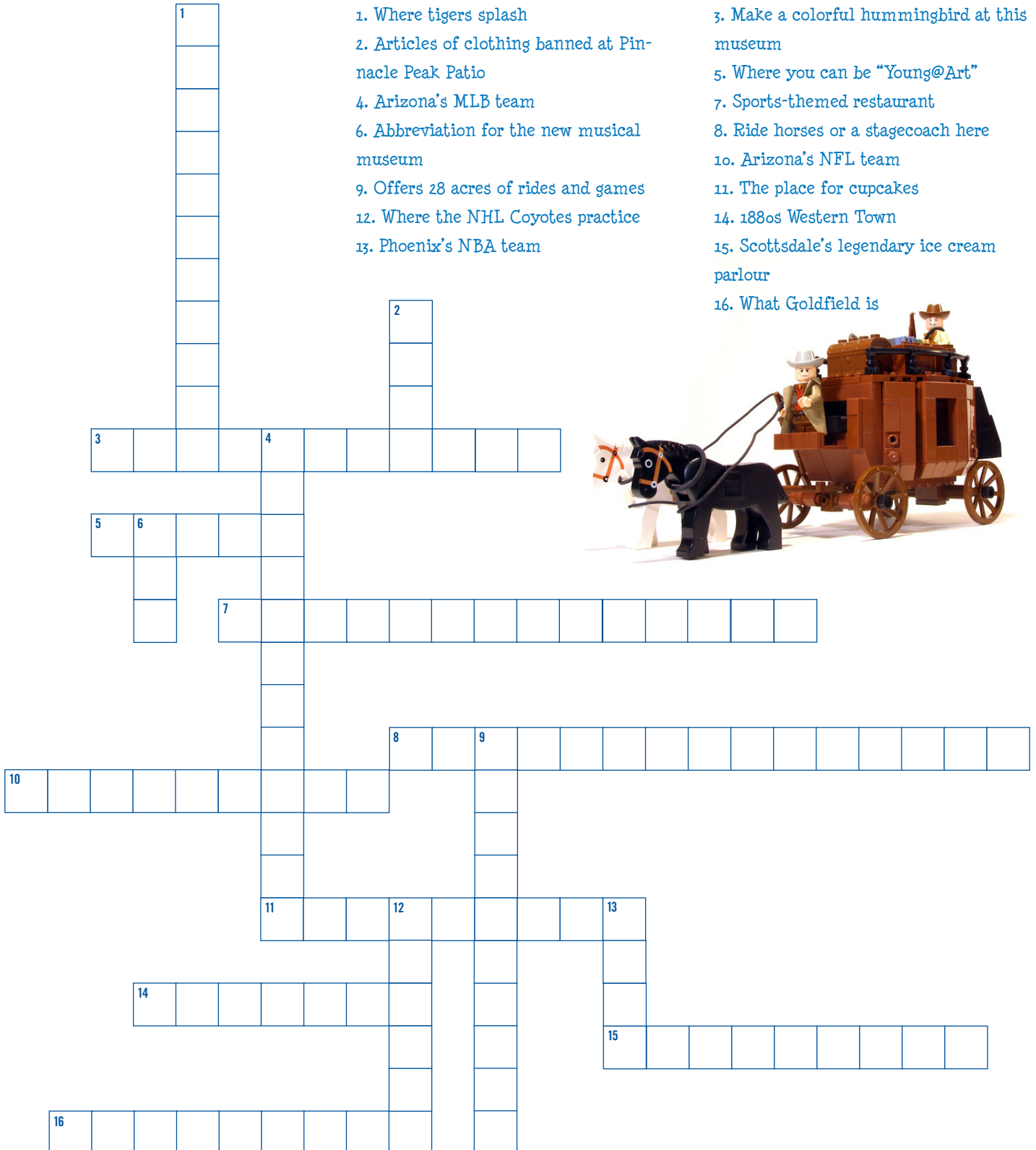
Find the answers to these clues in the "Top 40 List" beginning on page 2

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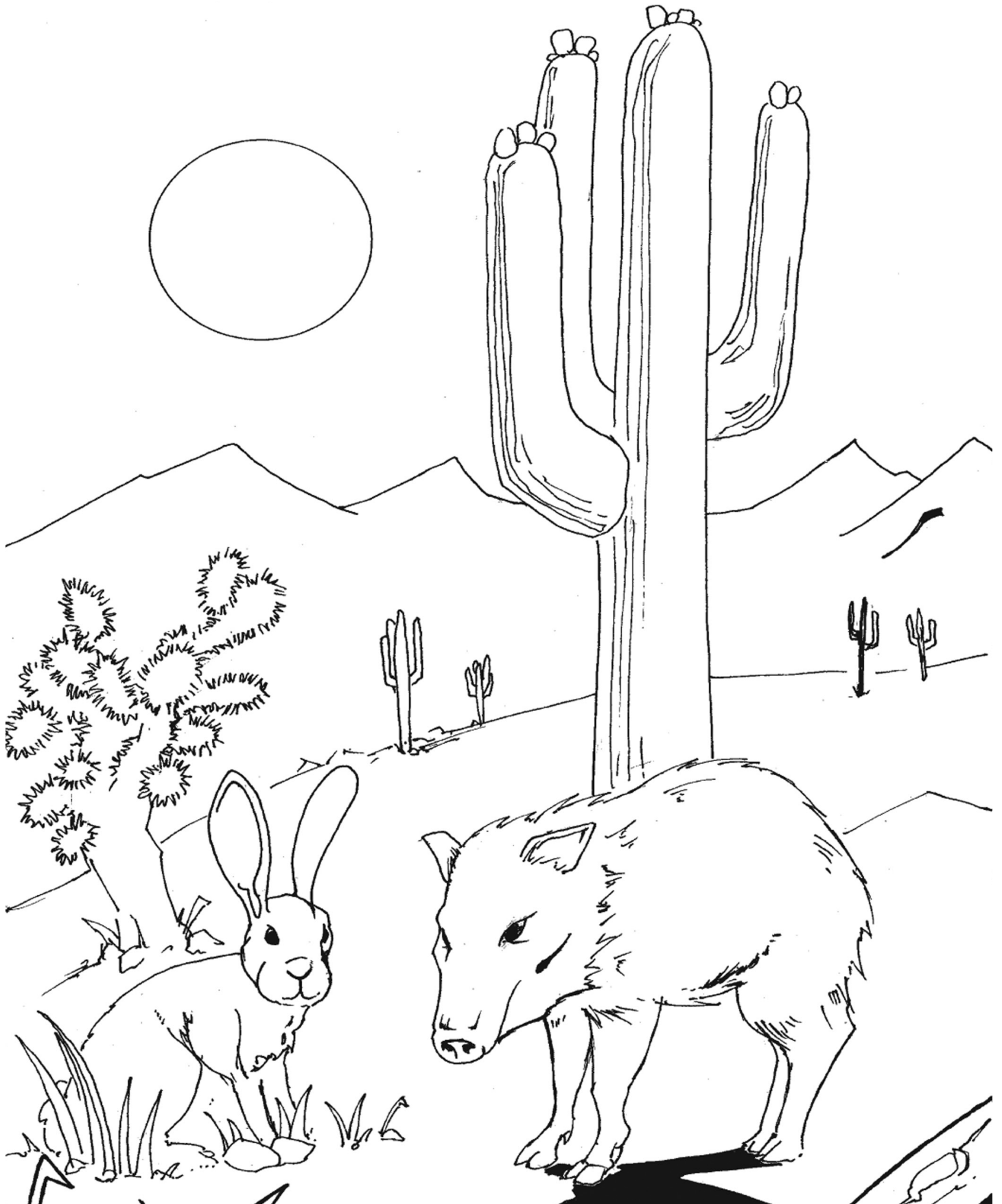
1. Where tigers splash
2. Articles of clothing banned at Pinnacle Peak Patio
4. Arizona's MLB team
6. Abbreviation for the new musical museum
9. Offers 28 acres of rides and games
12. Where the NHL Coyotes practice
13. Phoenix's NBA team

ACROSS

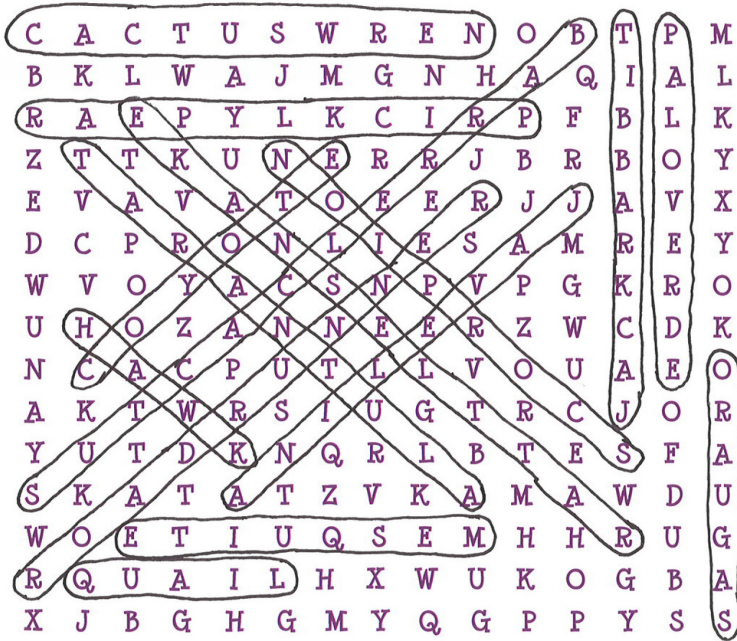
3. Make a colorful hummingbird at this museum
5. Where you can be "Young@Art"
7. Sports-themed restaurant
8. Ride horses or a stagecoach here
10. Arizona's NFL team
11. The place for cupcakes
14. 1880s Western Town
15. Scottsdale's legendary ice cream parlour
16. What Goldfield is



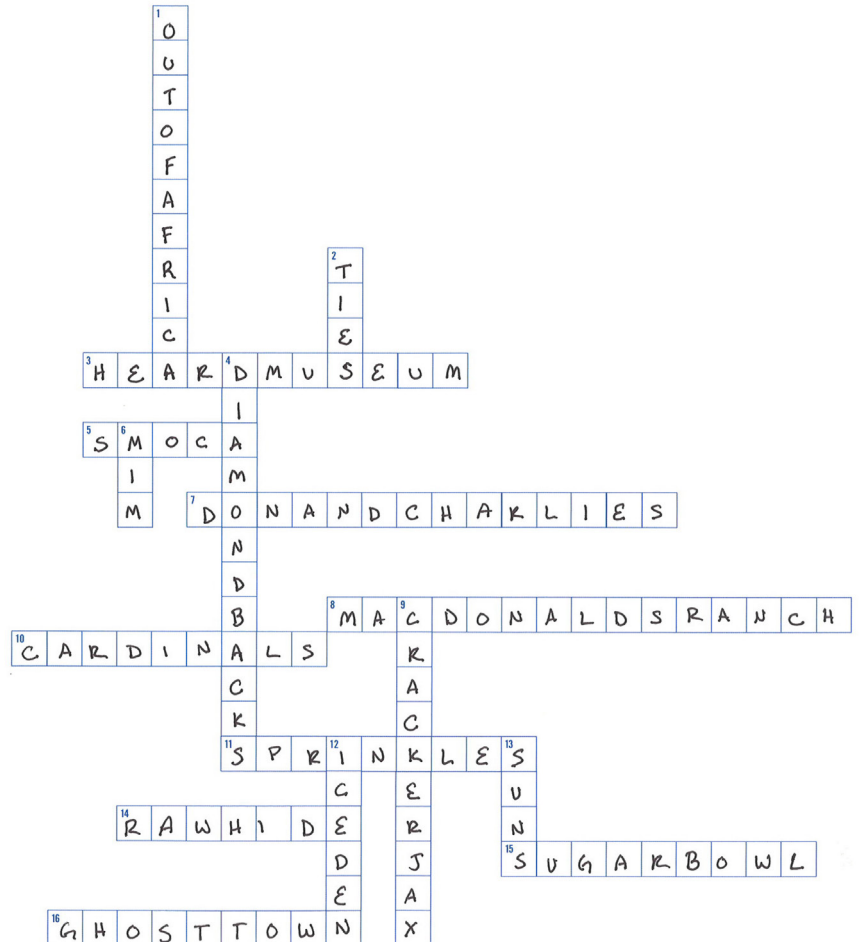
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- RYTFEBTUL BUTTERFLY
- HPSERPSROGA GRASSHOPPER
- GALWTNIISKKC WALKINGSTICK
- DESERT BUGS ARE COOL!



FUN RECIPE



Try this recipe for a cool summer treat
Prickly Pear Popsicles
 3 medium prickly pear fruits
 2 Tbsp. lemon juice concentrate
 1 cup water
 1 cup sugar

Wash the pears and put in blender (stickers too) with one cup water. Blend, then strain through several layers of cheesecloth. Add lemon juice and sugar, stir well. Freeze in plastic ice-pop molds.

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