

Fun Things to Do (sidebar list)

Museums

ARIZONA RAILWAY MUSEUM

Visit 30 plus railway cars in an authentic train yard. Open weekends only.
330 East Ryan Road, Chandler
480-821-1108 azrmuseum.org

ARIZONA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

(Formerly known as the Mesa Southwest Museum)

The museum features a multitude of exhibits representing southwestern natural and cultural history, dinosaurs displays included.

53 N. Macdonald, Mesa
480-644-2230 cityofmesa.org/swmuseum

Special Party Places

JENNIFER'S PARTY PAD

Jennifer's Party Pad is a unique, individualized party place for girls AND boys ages 2 & up. Parties are centered around the child and the theme he or she chooses.

505 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert
480-635-0386 jenniferspartypad.com

TEA CUPS AND TIARAS

Victorian-style dress up birthday and bridal parties and baby showers.

323 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert
480-663-3548 / Teamap.com

THE GLITTER BOX

Makeovers and catered parties for young girls.

Three locations in Mesa, Chandler & Gilbert
3355 W. Chandler Blvd., Suite 9, Chandler
480-782-0424 / Glitterboxparties.com

SNIP-ITS OF CHANDLER

Glamour and Style-a-Doll Birthday Parties

3415 W. Frye Road, Suite 4, Chandler
480-963-0800 snipits.com/parties/styleadoll

Artistic Hangouts

KIDS N' CLAY POTTERY STUDIO

Providing an ideal environment for children to explore their creativity while learning the craft of ceramics.

6045 West Chandler Blvd., Suite 1, Chandler
480-626-4237 Kidsnclay.com

MIND OVER SPLATTER

A paint your own pottery and make your own mosaic masterpiece studio.

64 S San Marcos Place, Chandler
480-899-1174 Mindoversplatter.com

VISION KIDZ in the VISION GALLERY

Programs designed to display a wide diversity in arts application, from watercolor to batik, from jewelry making to arts and crafts designed to enlighten the imagination and show children how the arts can be applied to their lives.

80 S. Marcos Place, Chandler
480-917-6859 visiongallery.org/kids

OLPIN ART CENTER

A school for artists of all ages to develop their creativity and artistic skills in a friendly environment.

141 W. Boston Street, Chandler
(480) 812-8202 Olpinartcenter.com

City Parks

FREESTONE PARK

The park is home to softball fields, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, batting cages, soccer fields, a skateboard park, miniature passenger train and Ferris wheel, waterless wave runner, antique carousel and walking trails around 2 lakes that house several well fed water fowl.

1021 E. Juniper Ave., Gilbert
480-632-2702 freestonerr.com

FOUNDERS PARK

Located across from the Town Hall of Queen Creek this park boast one baseball field, basketball courts, skate park, picnic ramada, sand volleyball court, community cent, play equipment and a large multi-purpose field for kite flying, football games, etc..

22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek
480-358-3700 queencreek.org/TownHall/Departments/ParksRecreation/Parks

DESERT BREEZE PARK

This large park offers an urban fishing lake, "Hummingbird Habitat", tennis courts, ball fields, children's playground equipment, walking trail, picnic pavilions and a 16" gauge miniature train.

660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East, Chandler
480-782-3037 visitchandler.com/Parks

Performing Arts Centers

CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Chandler Center for the Arts is a premier cultural resource that focuses on leading, advocating and advancing arts and culture in the greater Chandler area and is sustained by stable financial resources.

250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler
480-782-2680 chandlercenter.org

QUEEN CREEK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center presents quality professional theatre, and creates an education outreach and children's theatre programs, nurturing and developing emerging talent.

22149 East Ocotillo Road, Queen Creek
480-987-5964 qcpac.com

Special note: Other places to see...Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Mesa Arts Center

Sport Recreation Centers

ASPIRE KIDS SPORTS CENTER

The Aspire Kids Sports Center is 31,688 s.f. facility with a state-of-the-art gymnastics training facility at its core. Related activities include lessons in cheer, dance, martial arts, yoga, trampoline and tumbling. Year round swimming lessons also occur in this facilities' indoor pool. Private parties are also available.

50 S. Hearthstone Way, Chandler
(480) 820-3774/ aspirekidssports.com

USA SKATELAND

Roller skating center that offers daily public skating times, parties, special and group events.

1101 W. Ray Road, Chandler
480-917-9444 usa-skating.com

POLAR ICE

Ice skating center that includes public skating, competition hockey leagues, figure skating, lessons, parties and group events

7225 W Harrison Street, Chandler

480-598-9400 polaricechandler.com

Family Fun Centers

MAKUTUS ISLAND

Makutu's Island is a 20,000 square foot, multi-level indoor playground. There is an admission fee.

6919 W. Ray Road, Chandler

480-893-0106 makutuisland.com

WAY2PLAY CAFÉ

This 5,250 sq ft child care licensed and supervised indoor play & learning center, complete with a full-service café, is designed to offer a fun, safe, secure, and stimulating environment for crawlers to 7 years old. Parties, parent's night out, memberships, preschool, camps and classes are also available.

940 E. Riggs Road, Chandler

480-802-1407 way2playcafe.

FIDDLESTICKS FAMILY FUN PARK

This 20-acre complex for family recreation includes go-karts, batting cages, miniature golf, bumper boats, and a state-of-the-art video arcade with all-new games recently added! Rookie Go-Karts, Dragon Kiddie Ride and Miner Mike Roller Coaster are designed especially for younger children.

1155 W Elliot Road, Tempe

480-940-3522 zumafuncenters.com

Western Entertainment Places

RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN

Rawhide is an 1880's Western town, steakhouse, saloon and shops with a variety of live entertainment. At this wild, wild West theme park there are burro rides, shooting games, cowboy chow and so much more with a calendar of varied events. Admission is required.

5700 North Loop Road, Chandler

In the heart of Wild Horse Pass

480-502-5600 rawhide.com

GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN

Authentic 1890's ghost town with live entertainment, underground mine tours, reptile zoo, narrow gauge railroad rides, superstition mountain jeep tours, horse, wagon and carriage rides plus lodging and camp sites at the ghost town.

4650 N Mammoth Mine Road/ Goldfield (N. of Apache Junction)

480-983-0333 Goldfieldghosttown.com

Horseback Riding

KOLI EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Koli Equestrian Center, located in the heart of the Gila River Indian Reservation, offers miles of breathtaking scenery and horseback riding trails, wagon rides, birthday parties and lessons.

Wild Horse Pass Blvd. and Maricopa, Chandler
602-796-3495 / Koliequestrian.com

DON DONNELLY HORSEBACK ADVENTURES

Providing custom Horseback Adventures in the Superstition Mountains and Gold Canyon. Jeep tours, lessons, boarding, cookouts, overnights and private parties available.
15371 Ojo Road, Gold Canyon
602-810-7029 dondonnelly.com

Outdoor Fun

SCHNEPF FARMS

Working farm with educational agricultural programs, u-pick garden and orchards, lease-a-peach tree, corn mazes, kids clubs, campsites, and special seasonal farming events.
24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek
480-987-3100 / schnepfarms.com

BOYCE THOMPSON SOUTHWESTERN ARBORETUM

Located just west of Superior on Highway 60 west of Globe-Miami, this arboretum has a full display of the many varieties of plant life that thrive in arid lands throughout the southwest and around the world. The arboretum is a beautiful place for the whole family to picnic, hike and enjoy.

Highway 60 Milepost #223, east of Superior
520-689-2723 arboretum.ag.arizona.edu.

Special Events

FREE CONCERT WITH RHONDA TOWNS- September 15, 2007 starting at 7:30 p.m.
Chandler's Free Summer Concert Series (last one)
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave.
480-782-2680 chandlercenter.org

SO LONG TO SUMMERFEST- September 29, 2007 from 6 – 10 p.m., Fireworks at 10 p.m. Nominal Admission Fee: \$3 – 5 Adult, 4 and under free.
Gilbert/ Freestone Park
1021 E. Juniper Ave., Gilbert
480-632-2702 freestonerr.com

FAMILY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL- October 27, 2007 from 5 – 9 p.m. Nominal Admission Fee: \$3 – 5 Adult, 4 and under free.
Gilbert/ Freestone Park Ball Field Complex
1021 E. Juniper Ave., Gilbert
480-632-2702 freestonerr.com

HOWLIN' HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR- October 27, 2007 from 4 – 7 p.m.
Wear a costume and enter the costume contest and parade (enter by 5 p.m.). Contest categories are as follows: Scariest, Best Comic Book or Cartoon Character, Best Fairy Tale or Story Book Character, Most Original, and Best Family. Persephone will perform interactive kids' music.
Chandler Downtown Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.
480-782-2735 chandleraz.gov/special-events

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN EVENT- October 31, 2007
Participation fee is \$20.
Desert Mountain Park, 22201 S. Hawes Road, Queen Creek
480-358-3700 queencreek.org