

## PLANNING TIPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER CARE

UA Life & Work Connections' Child Care and Family Resources offers this sampling of summer care resources to employee and student families at [The University of Arizona](#). Please see important notations below regarding greater Tucson and Phoenix area information.

### Information by Age Group

Request registration, enrollment, curriculum and waiting list information directly from programs. Independent discounts may also be available upon request with UA employee or student verification.

- **Families with Infants**
- **Families with Toddlers and Preschoolers**
- **Families with School-Age Children**
- **Families with Middle and High School Children**
- **Summer Safety Tips for Children (all ages)**

### Community Sources

Newspaper and neighborhood publications, along with community-specific Internet sites, are often seasonal sources of child care, enrichment, and camp listings.

#### Tucson & Surrounding Areas

- The Arizona Daily Star
- The Tucson Citizen

#### Phoenix & Surrounding Areas

- The Arizona Republic

### Important Notations

The University provides child care information and references for referral purposes and does not endorse programs or services. It is the obligation of the responsible adult to evaluate and confirm program features and references in selecting care. These may include first aid and water safety procedures, as summer programs lend themselves to increased outdoor and water activities.

This year's economy may alter enrollment availability for new and returning programs. Check listings frequently as postings and registration periods can occur as early as January and continue up to May. Programs will follow state school district calendars that often reflect an August-May academic year.

To request a personalized, in-person or telephone child care consultation regarding summer and school year options, UA employees and students may call (520) 621-9870.

### FAMILIES WITH INFANTS

Families with infants often express interest in well-balanced experiences that foster developmentally appropriate learning, and promote play and socialization.

#### Your Current Program

Children may enjoy specialized, summer curriculum at their current location. Thematic experiences can include water play and use of water tables, wading pools, and above-ground or in-ground pools.

#### Library and Socialization Options

- **Tucson & Surrounding Areas**  
Pima County Public Library offers "Storytime" at various locations for babies through preschoolers.
- **Phoenix & Surrounding Areas**  
Phoenix Public Library's Events Section offers links to "Story Times" as described above.

## FAMILIES WITH TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

Families with toddlers and preschoolers often express interest in well-balanced experiences that foster developmentally appropriate learning, promote play and socialization and support early school preparedness.

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### Child Care Resource and Referral Information

- **The University of Arizona**  
Visit UA Life & Work Connections or click here.
- **Community**
  - ◇ **Tucson & Surrounding Areas**  
Child & Family Resources, Inc.
  - ◇ **Phoenix & Surrounding Areas**  
Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)

### “Back to School” at The University of Arizona

Programs for younger and older children are available during the summer and other times of the year. A program’s sponsoring unit establishes fees, curriculum and other program criteria.

- **Camps for Kids and Teens**  
Camps include sports,

technology, art, athletics and more, such as:

### Kids Summer Swim

Taught by university students who are certified as Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

### Cultural and Enrichment Options

Museums and fine arts groups and organizations may provide summer and year-round program options.

- **Tucson & Surrounding Areas**  
Tucson Pima Arts Council offers links to arts organizations.
- **Phoenix & Surrounding Areas**
  - ◇ City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture
  - ◇ Maricopa Partnership for Arts and Culture (MPAC)

### Recreational and Enrichment Options

Park and recreational opportunities can provide a range of summer and year-round options.

- **Tucson & Surrounding Areas**  
City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department programs serve youth and teens.

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation programs serve toddlers, youth and teens.

- **Phoenix & Surrounding Areas**  
City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation information includes arts, crafts and dance programs. Maricopa County information includes “Education and Youth” and “Parks and Recreation.”

## FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Families with older children may prefer comprehensive experiences. These can include a broader menu of activities or a defined subject focus such as sports or the arts, within day or resident camp settings.

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### Wildcat Art

Taught by University art students, this pre-summer experience offers spring semester Saturday morning art classes for children in grades K-12. Waiting list offered.

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“Youth and Teen Services” and “Pools.”

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### Public School District Options

Families may wish to consider public school district programming. Ask if school district residency is required, or if enrollment is available to the community-at-large, regardless of boundaries.

- **Tucson & Surrounding Areas**  
State of Arizona Department of Education

- **Phoenix & Surrounding Areas**  
State of Arizona Department of Education

### Camp Options

Camps support a wide spectrum of interests, and can include day and resident options.

- The American Camp Association (ACA)  
Provides search tools and describes its voluntary accreditation process for camp settings.
- Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB)  
ASDB provides summer program information for sensory impaired students and listings for children with other health care considerations.

## FAMILIES WITH MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Families with pre-teens and teenagers recognize the need to provide enrichment, volunteer, recreational and learning opportunities that foster a well-prepared transition into early adulthood.

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Earth Camp, a partnership between UA College of Science and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Middle school and the high school Earth Camps teach students about the Sonoran Desert ecosystem.

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Pima County Public Library Volunteering. The minimum age for volunteer applicants is 14 years old with opportunities at various branch locations.

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