PLANNING TIPS  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN’S SUMMER CARE

As a service to employees and students, UA Life & Work Connections’ (LWC) Child Care and Family Resources program team offers this summer care information, focusing on the Tucson and Phoenix areas. Rather than individually listing private child care options, we offer suggestions for community-based and school district, University of Arizona (UA), and other college and university resources.

For additional child care, enrichment, and summer camp listings, look for seasonal supplements in newspapers, neighborhood publications, and community-specific Internet sites. Or do an Internet search with key words relevant to your needs. The two major regional newspapers are

The Arizona Daily Star (Greater Tucson)
The Arizona Republic (Greater Phoenix)

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

Child Care and Family Resources offers personalized child care consultations, resources, financial assistance for students and employees, a sick child and emergency/back-up care program, lactation and changing table information, and more.

Click here for issues to consider when making summer child care and learning decisions.

Visit the Flexible Work Arrangements Guide to explore options for adjusting your summer work schedule around child care arrangements. Or contact Caryn Jung at (520) 621-9870 or jungc@email.arizona.edu for assistance.

IMPORTANT POINTERS

• Check listings frequently as programs typically change each year.
• Posting and registration periods may begin as early as December. Programs typically follow the school calendars of surrounding school districts, reflecting an August-May academic year. Therefore, consider your need to schedule intersession child care.
• Visit not only links of interest for your child’s age group but also those in other age categories. This can familiarize you with general summer enrollment and waiting list cycles, as well as applicable school-year programming.
• Request registration, fee, enrollment, curriculum, and waiting-list information directly from programs.
• Ask whether the program offers individual child or sibling discounts to UA employees or students with a CatCard.
• Read the Summer Safety Tips from HealthyChildren.org.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL INFORMATION

The University of Arizona: Visit UA Life & Work Connections or email Caryn Jung.
Greater Tucson: Child & Family Resources, Inc.
Greater Phoenix: Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)

DISCLAIMER

It is the obligation of the responsible adult to evaluate and confirm program features and references in selecting care. Important considerations are protocols regarding first aid, transportation, and sun and water safety. If you are participating in the Child Care Voucher Program, be sure your care choice meets the qualifying criteria.

The planning tips herein are provided for informational purposes and do not constitute University of Arizona endorsement of any programs or services. The sponsoring website is responsible for the accuracy of electronic links and all content.

ALL-DAY CHILD CARE
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<td><strong>Current Child Care Setting:</strong> Look into whether your current child care setting offers a specialized summer curriculum.</td>
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| 3–12      | **Community Schools:** Many public school districts operate community schools serving preschool and elementary ages. Some programs may require that you be a resident in that school district.  
Tucson-Area School Districts, Maricopa County School Districts |
| 5–17      | **City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department Youth and Teen Programs,** Discounts available based on income.  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation and Recreation |

SUMMER CAMPS

Camps support a wide spectrum of interests, and can include day and resident options. Scholarships may be available.

The American Camp Association (ACA): Provides family resources, search tools, and a voluntary accreditation process for camp settings.

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| Ages 5–15 Grades K–5 | Campus Recreation, summer “A” camps. Click here for FAQs on Youth and Family Programs.  
UA Fusion Camps, a partner program between the Flandrau Science Center and UA Bookstores, provides weekly, themed summer camps highlighting literacy, creative arts, and science exploration. Early and extended care is available for additional cost. |
| Grades 2–8 | Arizona Athletics Non-University-sponsored camp programs with campus coaching professionals.  
Mike Candrea and Southwest Camps Girls Softball Camps, 4 days, day camp and overnight options.  
David Rubio Volleyball Camps for boys and girls: 3- and 4-day sessions.  
Steve Walker Sand Volleyball Camp for boys and girls: Youth and Skills Camps |
| Grades 4–12 | Sean Miller Boys Basketball Camp: 5 days.  
Eller College of Management Technology Camps: 1-week camps on animation, web design and social media, programming, plus “My Dream Business.”  
Camp Architecture 1-week day programs for rising 6th-8th graders |
| Grades K–12 | UA Arizona Youth University: 1-week programs.  
Pima for Kids: 1-week half-day and full-day programs in a wide range of subjects at various Pima Community College campuses. |

**Interest-Specific Camps for Teens**

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<td>Astronomy Camp residential camp, with one beginning and one advanced session. Geared to students “with a particular interest in math, science, optics, engineering or astronomy.”</td>
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<td>Grades 7–12</td>
<td>Biosphere 2 Science Academy 1-week residential camp where students do hands-on research with faculty in the Biosphere biomes.</td>
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<td>Grades 11 &amp; 12</td>
<td>Honors Summer Academy the 4-week Academy enables high-achieving students to live in a residence hall while taking 6 credits of Honors courses.</td>
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Arizona State University Summer Enrichment Programs: All ASU summer programs are listed on this one site. Programs are searchable by topic, age range (elementary, middle, high school, and all ages), and campus location.

Community College Finder lists community colleges statewide; some offer programs for children and families.

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Northern Arizona University

Centennial Forest Environmental Education Programs: weeklong overnight summer camps geared to ages 9–16.

School of Music Curry Summer Music Camp: One-week residential camp; Senior session, grades 9–13, June 21–July 4; Junior Session, grades 7–9, July 5–11.

Mountain Jacks Kids Camp: (Grades K–8). A day camp offered primarily as a service to NAU students, also open to NAU faculty/staff and community members.

ARTS & CULTURAL OPTIONS

Fine arts groups and organizations may provide summer and year-round program resources, ideas, or selections. Area museums, non-profit cultural and community centers, and commercial sports, camp and other instructional centers may also provide a range of summer and year-round options.

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Ages 2–5 Art Sprouts and Family Days: Art Sprouts is a monthly event with storytime, art-making, and studio activities for parents and their toddlers/preschoolers.

Tucson Association of Museums: 25+ museums, listed by name and interest category.

Grades K–12 Wildcat Art Spring semester, Feb. 28–April 25, 8 Saturday-morning classes, taught by advanced and graduate art & visual culture education students, in collaboration with art & visual culture education faculty; sponsored by the School of Art.

GREATER PHOENIX

Central Arizona Museum Association: 50+ museums, listed by name, type, and location.
PUBLIC LIBRARIES & LITERACY ACTIVITIES

Events Calendars
Both Pima County and Phoenix Public Library systems have events calendars sortable by age and type of activity. Pima County Library events Phoenix Public Library events.

AGE RANGE | SAMPLE PROGRAMS
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Birth-5 | Baby time, storytime, stay and play
Elementary-Middle | Hobby clubs, crafts activities, book clubs, science and learning activities, gaming
High School | Hobby clubs, book clubs, job search assistance

Library Volunteering
Age 14+ Pima County Public Library Volunteering
Opportunities at various branch locations.

Ages 12–17 Phoenix Public Library Teen Summer Volunteers
help run the library’s Summer Reading Program.

Summer Institute for Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum

Ages 15–18 A program of the Writing Skills Improvement Program, this 3-week institute brings together high school students and middle/high school teachers for an intensive writing experience.

RECREATIONAL OPTIONS

Park and recreational opportunities can provide summer and year-round program selections.

GREATER TUCSON

City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department A Program Guide and Class Catalog is published seasonally.

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

Community Centers offer a variety of drop-in programs for children and teens.

Special-interest classes for all age ranges are offered on a rotating schedule.

UA Campus Recreation Center offers youth and family classes, including swimming lessons, swim club, and Expericamps. Click here for FAQs on Youth and Family Programs.

UA for You Outreach and Extension a comprehensive listing of UA family-centered and children's programs, resources, and events, from 4-H to Poetry Center.

GREATER PHOENIX

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation offers a variety of classes and programs

“Young Maricopa County” events and education list.

FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL HEALTH INTERESTS (ALL AGES)

Families interested in summer and other seasonal programs serving children with special health needs may wish to combine local and national resources for developing customized options.

State of Arizona Department of Economic Security - DES Central Directory of Resources for the Arizona Early Intervention Program

State of Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Resources

Great Schools.org

Provides preschool through high school-aged resources, including special education and summer topics such as attention and learning information.

Kids Health.org

“Kids Health is the most-visited site on the Web for information about health, behavior, and development from before birth through the teen years.” Resources include Camps for Kids with Special Needs, Sending Your Child with Special Needs to Camp and more.

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Dream Street (at Canyon Ranch) offers young adults (18-24 years) with chronic and serious illnesses a full week for learning, sharing and friendship. The June 20-28, 2015 session is free of charge to attendees. Other sites in California, Arkansas, New Jersey and Mississippi; learn more here.