Events Around the Valley **JUNE 2014**

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Birds 'n' Beer

Birds 'n Beer offers local professionals a fun and refreshing way to learn about Arizona birds and other wildlife while networking with fellow nature-lovers. Have a cold brew while enjoying an enlightening and lively presentation on Arizona nature. Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center in Phoenix. RSVP requested 602-468-6470. Free admission. Thursday, June 19. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6:30 p.m.

riosalado.audubon.org

Bite Nite

The ALS Association Arizona's culinary event benefiting Lou Gehrig's Disease. Local Chefs compete for the title of Bite Nite Heavyweight Champion. Tasting-size samples in four categories: appetizer, entrée, dessert and cocktail. Downtown Phoenix. Saturday, June 14; Admission \$150 per person, \$1,000 per table of 10.

bitenite.org/phoenix

Flashlight Tours at Desert Botanical Garden

See, hear and feel the desert night including, nighthawks, tortoises, insects and night-blooming flowers. Bring a flashlight and wear comfortable shoes. Tours begin at 7 p.m. Recommended for families and children of all ages.

Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. Thursdays and Saturdays in June; 7 - 9 p.m.

dbq.org/events-exhibitions/tours-activities

Gilbert Spring Concerts in the Park

Enjoy a great night of music at a FREE concert in Gilbert's beautiful Freestone Park. The concert series features local performers from a variety of genre, making each night enjoyable for all. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets to get comfortable and listen to fabulous music at the park. Don't forget parking is free and there will be local vendors with food and beverages for purchase. Thursday, June 5; 7 - 9 p.m. www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-andrecreation/special-events/concerts-in-the-park

Itty Bitty Beach Party

These FREE parties are catered towards guests ages 6 years and younger and their families. Enjoy festive music, a water safety puppet show, games, dance contests, swimsuit contests, Hawaiian leis, sunglasses, prizes and more!!

Fridays in June; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Locations vary phoenix.gov/parks/pools/eventfree.html

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Free Concerts

Scottsdale. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of music. Train and carousel rides are available during all concerts for a small charge. Sunday nights; 7:30 - 9 p.m.

therailroadpark.com/events

Mighty Mud Mania

Activities for all ages. The younger group can enjoy the mini mud course, mini waterslide, mud pit, sand castle building and an area dubbed "Mudville." Older children can try the original mud obstacle course, sandcastle building and mud pits. Adults can get muddy, too, in the Extreme Mud Course. Chaparral Park, Scottsdale.

Saturday, June 7; 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Admission is free for children up to 17, \$10 for Adults

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/mightymudmania

Phoenix Comicon

Presenting guests and programming for hobbyists by attracting the top segments of the comics, anime, sci-fi, film, tv, and gaming industries. Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency, downtown Phoenix. June 5 - 8; Times and Admission prices vary www.phoenixcomicon.com

Summer Band Concerts

The Glendale Summer Band is an all-ages, allvolunteer band. Free Admission. Glendale Amphitheater in downtown Glendale. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Thursdays in June; Concerts start at 8 p.m. www.glendaleaz.com/events

Summer Concert Series at Arrowhead Towne Center

Pop, rock and jazz in the evening at Arrowhead Towne Center Amphitheater, Glendale. Enjoy Music under the Stars! Join family and friends at the annual summer concert series in the outdoor amphitheater. Listen to your favorite tunes as the sun sets. Grab some yummy treats from one of our many eateries and settle in for a night of fun. Saturdays, June 21 & 28; 7 - 9 p.m.; Free Admission

www.arrowheadtownecenter.com/Events

Summer Splash Tour

Water and splash activities, games, live entertainment, and water safety instruction. Includes a toddler and preschooler section. Free admission. A different part of town each Sunday. Sundays in June; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Locations vary www.summersplashaz.com

Valley of the Sun Juneteenth Celebration

Local musical performers, community groups and schools. Educational workshops, children's activities, ethnic arts and crafts, vendors, and authentic Soul food. Free admission. Eastlake Park and Community Center, Phoenix.

Saturday, June 14; 5 - 9 p.m.

azifoundation.wix.com/phxjuneteenth

Westgate Bike Night

The much-anticipated Westgate Bike Night returns to the Plaza March 27 – running 'til June 26 – every Thursday from 5-9pm. All riders are welcome, but you don't have to have a bike to enjoy the show. Free admission. Westgate Entertainment District (formerly known as Westgate City Center), Glendale. Thursdays in June; 5 - 9 p.m.

westgateaz.com/bikenight



