

# playbook

FALL | WINTER | 2024 | 2025



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:  
BJ BOLLIER

FACILITY OF THE YEAR:  
MUSTANG PARK

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TOWN OF PAYSON  
PARKS & RECREATION



# WELCOME TO THE PAYSON PLAYBOOK

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Payson Community,

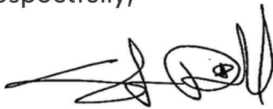
I'm excited to share the latest edition of the Payson Parks and Recreation Playbook with you! Inside, you'll find a wide variety of programs, events, and activities planned for the Fall and Winter seasons. Whether you want to enjoy the outdoors, join a class, or spend time with family and friends, there's something for everyone.

We are proud to announce that BJ Bollier was recently named "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" and Mustang Park received the "Outstanding Facility of the Year" award through the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA). These recognitions highlight the dedication of our community and the quality of the facilities we offer. We couldn't be more grateful to everyone who contributes to making Payson such a special place.

Our team remains committed to providing "Next Level" recreational opportunities that make life better in Payson. From fun and innovative programs for all ages to new events like Payson Days, we're focused on reflecting the unique spirit of our town.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation. Be sure to follow us on social media and visit our website for the latest updates. Let's make this Fall and Winter season one of joy and connection!

Respectfully,



**Steve Richardson**  
Parks and Recreation Director



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## WINTER WONDERLAND & ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

REAL ICE RINK DEC. 14TH - JAN. 19TH | WINTER EVENT FROM 1PM TO 7PM  
24th Annual Electric Light Parade | Parade Theme: Neon Noel

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## BJ BOLLIER & MUSTANG PARK FACILITY

The Town of Payson is thrilled to have won two prestigious state-wide awards this year: Volunteer of the Year, recognizing BJ Bollier for service in our community, and Facility of the Year, celebrating our newly remodeled Mustang Park.

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## FALL FLEX FRIDAY

FRIDAYS | SEPT. 6TH THRU DEC. 13TH | 8AM TO 1PM  
Youth Program | Ages: Enrolled K - 5th Grade | JRE School Gym

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## KIWANIS CLUB AND LIONS CLUB

Dedicated organizations that focus on sponsoring Parks and Recreation Events and Programs as well as hosting multiple events to support the community.

## GET OUR LATEST INFORMATION

Want to stay updated on everything happening in the Town of Payson Parks and Recreation? From exciting events and sports programs to the latest news about our local parks, we've got you covered. By signing up for our email list, you'll receive updates and exclusive information right in your inbox. Scan the QR Code to fill out the form and stay connected with all the great happenings in our community.





# FALL / WINTER TOWN EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

### FIDDLE AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

**BEER GARDEN**

SEPTEMBER 20TH - 22ND

PAYSON IS PROUD TO HOST ARIZONA'S STATE FIDDLING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 54TH YEAR. COME ONE, COME ALL AND ENJOY THE MUSICAL OFFERINGS OF ARIZONA'S MOST TALENTED FIDDLERS. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE A DOZEN FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE ONSITE!

FIDDLE COMPETITION | FOOD TRUCKS | BEER GARDEN  
LIVE PERFORMANCES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING

**TIME** FRIDAY @ 6PM | SATURDAY @ 9 AM  
SUNDAY @ 10AM

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

FOR FULL SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/FIDDLE](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/FIDDLE)



## OCTOBER

### PAYSON DAYS

OCTOBER 12TH, 2024

A CELEBRATION OF OUR TOWN AND THE COMMUNITY, HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL ASPECTS THAT MAKE PAYSON SPECIAL!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC | VENDORS

EVENT FOLLOWING THE BEELINE CAR SHOW

**TIME** 4PM-7PM

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

**FIREWORKS @ 7PM**



### MONSTER MASH

OCTOBER 26TH, 2024

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL AND MOVIE IN THE PARK. GET DRESSED UP AND COME SPEND THE EVENING WITH FUN HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES.

TRUNK OR TREAT @ 4PM TO 6PM  
HAY RIDES @ 4PM TO 6PM  
COSTUME CONTEST @ 6PM  
CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST @ 7PM

**TRUNK OR TREAT 4PM-6PM**  
**MOVIE IN THE PARK 8PM-9:30PM**

MOVIE IN THE PARK @ 8PM TO 9:30PM  
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (PG)

**TIME** 4PM - 9:30PM

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

TO REGISTER A TRUNK, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TREAT](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TREAT) OR VISIT OUR PARKS AND RECREATION BOOTH

# NOVEMBER

## TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024

CHOOSE WHICH RACE WORKS BEST FOR YOU AND YOUR CREW! GATHER YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE AND JOIN US AT GREEN VALLEY PARK FOR A MORNING OF FESTIVE FUN.

5K RACE | 1 MILE FUN RUN

**TIME** 8AM

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TURKEYTROT](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TURKEYTROT) OR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT AT THE REGISTRATION BOOTH



# DECEMBER

## WINTER WONDERLAND & ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

ENJOY GAMES, PICTURES WITH SANTA, FOOD VENDORS, AND A CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT 5:30PM IN DEMING PIONEER PARK. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE STARTS AT 6PM ON MAIN STREET.

**TIME** 1PM TO 7PM

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK, DEMING PARK, & HISTORIC MAIN STREET

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT [WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/LIGHTPARADE](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/LIGHTPARADE) REGISTER YOUR FLOAT BEFORE NOV. 29TH ONLINE OR CALL 928-472-5110 THEME IS NEON NOEL



## DECEMBER - JANUARY

### ICE RINK

DEC. 14TH - JAN. 19TH

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF ICE SKATING ON A GENUINE ICE RINK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN AND GLIDE ACROSS THE ICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

**TIME** VARIED TIMES

**LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

FOR MORE DETAILS REGARDING TIMES, PASSES, AND MEMBERSHIPS VISIT [WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/ICERINK](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/ICERINK)





# COMMUNITY STAPLE

# Events

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### NORTHERN GILA COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 8TH

COUNTY FAIR | CARNIVAL | AUCTION

**TIME** VARIED **LOCATION** PAYSON EVENT CENTER

### 9/11 PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 147

**TIME** 11AM **LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK MEMORIAL WALL

### LANTERNS ON THE LAKE

SEPTEMBER 26TH

HOSTED BY THE TIME OUT SHELTER

**TIME** 4:30PM - 7:30PM **LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY LAKE

## OCTOBER 2024

### GONE TO THE DOGS

OCTOBER 5TH

HOSTED BY LIONS CLUB | ADVENTURE DOG WINNERS | MOVIE IN THE PARK - HOMEWARD BOUND (G) @ 6:30PM

**TIME** 10AM-3PM **LOCATION** RUSMEY PARK

### BEELINE CRUISE IN CAR SHOW

OCTOBER 12TH

HOSTED BY RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB CLASSIC CAR SHOW | KICKING OFF PAYSON DAYS EVENT

**TIME** 8AM-3PM **LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK

### AERO FAIR

OCTOBER 19TH

HOSTED BY THE PAYSON PILOTS ASSOCIATION

**TIME** 10AM-2PM **LOCATION** PAYSON PUBLIC AIRPORT

## NOVEMBER 2024

### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 11TH

HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 147

**TIME** 11AM **LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK MEMORIAL WALL

### SWISS VILLAGE LIGHTING

NOVEMBER 29TH

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES | SHOPPING | SANTA PICTURES

**TIME** 10AM - 8PM **LOCATION** SWISS VILLAGE PLAZA

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## DECEMBER 2024

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

DECEMBER 14TH

HOSTED BY WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ORGANIZATION KICKING OFF THE WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT

**TIME** 1PM **LOCATION** GREEN VALLEY PARK MEMORIAL WALL

## JANUARY - MARCH 2025

### HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

ANNUAL PONY EXPRESS RIDE

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/EVENTS

**LOCATION** PAYSON POST OFFICE

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS AND UPDATES THAT WILL RELEASE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELPING HANDS FOR OUR YOUTH SPORTS AND PROGRAMS. BY JOINING US, YOU WILL BE PART OF A TEAM OF DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK TOWARDS EMPOWERING YOUNG INDIVIDUALS THROUGH SPORTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS. TOGETHER, LET'S HELP THE YOUTH REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

## SIGN UP TODAY

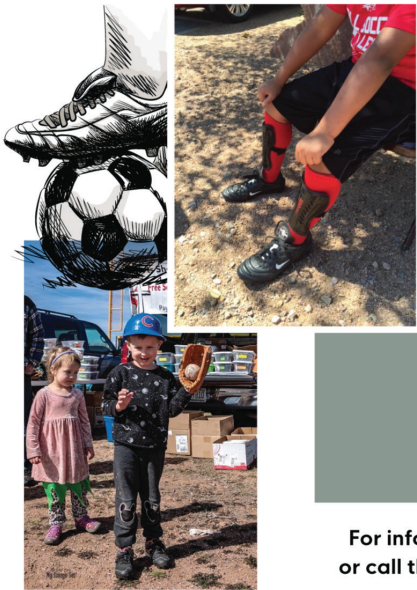
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, CONTACT US @ 928-472-5110 OR STOP BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AT 1000 W COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE.

## PAYSON SPORTS SHOE PROGRAM

The Payson United Methodist Church has developed a sports shoe ministry to provide free soccer shoes, shin guards and baseball shoes for girls and boys through Middle School ages. In order for the program to have a supply of shoes for our young athletes, we ask that you consider donating outgrown shoes that are no longer in use. It is not required for you to donate your shoes in order to receive a pair. We clean and disinfect the donated shoes so they can be available for another child. Thanks to monetary donations from the community, new shoes are also available to our youth.

Please consider donating outgrown shoes as soon as they are no longer used to ensure that we have time to properly clean each pair. Our goal is to provide shoes before practices begin.

For information, please call Tom Herbolsheimer at 928-970-0160, from 9AM – 5PM, or call the church office at 928-474-0485, from 9AM – 12PM, Monday through Friday.



## YOUTH RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS

All children within our community should have the chance to engage in sports and recreational activities, irrespective of the associated costs. This is where the Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation steps in, providing scholarships to facilitate the involvement of children in these programs.

If you are in need of a scholarship for your child, please reach out to the Payson Parks and Recreation department when registering your child. We are happy to assist in getting your child in our program.

For information, please call Payson Parks and Recreation at 928-472-5110 or stop by at 1000 W. Country Club Dr., Payson, AZ 85541.

## FRIENDS OF PARKS & RECREATION WWW.FRIENDSOFPAYSON.ORG

If you are interested in helping provide scholarship opportunities to our local youth, please consider donating to Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation. This non-profit organization assists in providing funds to enhance Payson Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

FOLLOW FRIENDS OF PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK  
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DONATE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.FRIENDSOFPAYSON.ORG](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFPAYSON.ORG)

All funds raised by the Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation go to support projects and activities for the citizens of Payson.

# RECREATION

YOUTH RECREATION

**\$35** ALL YOUTH SPORTS  
COST \$35  
PER CHILD PER LEAGUE

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE  
CONTACT US AT 928-472-5110

### FALL SOCCER LEAGUE

SATURDAYS - SEPT. 28TH - NOV. 23RD  
PRACTICE HELD: TBD

#### CAMP DAY - SEPTEMBER 6TH

REGISTRATION  
**OPENS** July 22nd **CLOSES** Sept. 5th

AGES: PRE-K - 6TH GRADE  
COACHES MEETING SEPTEMBER 10TH

### BASKETBALL SKILLS ACADEMY

MONDAY EVENINGS - NOV. 4TH - DEC. 2ND  
NO CAMP 11/11

REGISTRATION  
**OPENS** Sept. 18th **CLOSES** Oct. 30th

AGES: PARENT TOT - AGES 3-5 YRS.  
JUNIOR SKILLS - AGES 6-8 YRS.

### WINTER BASKETBALL SEASON

GAMES BEGIN DECEMBER 7TH  
PRACTICE HELD: TBD

#### CAMP DAY - NOV 8TH

REGISTRATION  
**OPENS** Sept. 30th **CLOSES** Nov. 7th

AGES: 3RD - 6TH GRADE  
COACHES MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH

### SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

SATURDAYS - MARCH 22ND - MAY 17TH, 2025  
PRACTICE HELD: TBD

#### CAMP DAY - FEBRUARY 28TH

REGISTRATION  
**OPENS** Jan. 14th, 2025 **CLOSES** Feb. 27th, 2025

AGES: PRE-K - 6TH GRADE  
COACHES MEETING MARCH 4TH

ENROLLED  
**K - 5TH**

## \$75/PER CHILD FALL FLEX FRIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FOR OUR  
**FALL PROGRAM  
NOW OPEN**

**SEPT. 6TH - DEC. 13TH**  
FRIDAYS · 8AM - 1 PM

NO PROGRAM 10/10 & 11/29

FIELD TRIPS | ENGAGING ACTIVITIES | ANTI-DRUG COMPONENT  
**FREE FOOD SERVICE**

AT JULIA RANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

\*\$50 PER CHILD PER SESSION IF YOU REGISTER  
FOR THE SPRING SESSION AT THE SAME TIME.\*

ENROLLED  
**K - 5TH**

## \$75/PER CHILD SPRING FLEX FRIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FOR OUR  
**SPRING PROGRAM  
OPENS IN JANUARY**

**JAN. 17TH - APR. 25TH**  
FRIDAYS · 8AM - 1 PM

NO PROGRAM 3/14 & 3/21

FIELD TRIPS | ENGAGING ACTIVITIES | ANTI-DRUG COMPONENT  
**FREE FOOD SERVICE**

AT JULIA RANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

DETAILS AND UPDATES WILL RELEASE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT PROGRAM

**PARENTS! DO YOU NEED A NIGHT OUT?**  
CAN YOU REMEMBER THE LAST TIME YOU WERE  
ABLE TO HAVE A NIGHT OUT TO YOURSELVES?

**AVAILABLE FOR K - 5TH GRADE | \$10/CHILD**  
HELD AT JULIA RANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

**VALENTINES DAY -  
FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH, 2025 - 5PM TO 9PM**

PARENT'S  
NIGHT  
OUT



# ADULT RECREATION



## ADULT INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

OCT 15TH - DEC 17TH

REGISTRATION

**OPENS** Sept. 3rd **CLOSES** Oct. 4th

TEAM FEE: \$195

GAMES ON TUESDAY NIGHTS  
@ JULIA RANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM  
COACHES MEETING OCTOBER 8TH

## TURKEY BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

### NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024

REGISTRATION

**OPENS** Oct. 1st **CLOSES** Nov. 14th

2ND ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL  
ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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**TIME** 11:30AM - 8PM

**LOCATION** RUMSEY PARK | DIAMONDBACK FIELDS



## ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL

MARCH 17TH - JUNE 2ND

REGISTRATION

**OPENS** Jan. 22nd **CLOSES** Mar. 10th

TEAM FEE: \$350

CO-ED: MONDAY NIGHTS  
MAR. 17TH - JUNE 2ND  
MENS: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
MAR. 19TH - MAY 28TH  
COACHES MEETING MARCH 12TH

## ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL

JUNE 2ND - AUG. 20TH

REGISTRATION

**OPENS** April 11th **CLOSES** May 19th

TEAM FEE: \$350

CO-ED: MONDAY NIGHTS  
JUNE 2ND - AUG. 18TH  
MENS: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
JUNE 4TH - AUG. 20TH  
COACHES MEETING MAY 22ND

# BJ BOLLIER

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD - APRA WINNER



VIEW BJ'S AWARD CELEBRATION VIDEO BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

We are thrilled to announce that BJ Bollier has won the Volunteer of the Year Award through the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA)! BJ is our most requested coach season after season, and our community is incredibly grateful for his passion and dedication to the youth. His impact is undeniable, and we are proud to have him as a key part of our team.



We shared this exciting news at our Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in August, and BJ was able to attend the APRA Awards banquet in Tucson to receive his well-deserved honor. BJ expressed his heartfelt gratitude, saying: "I cannot thank you all enough for the opportunities you've given me. This is my life, my town. It means the world to give back through coaching, volunteerism, and mentorship—alongside all of you at these great events. I believe in this town, this department, and you all. I will continue to further my commitment to the place I love." We are truly fortunate to have BJ in our Parks and Recreation family and look forward to many more seasons of his leadership and dedication.



**THANK YOU FROM OUR PARKS AND RECREATION TEAM**

# MUSTANG PARK

AKA. BLUE PARK

FACILITY OF THE YEAR  
AWARD - APRA WINNER



VIEW MUSTANG PARKS FACILITY OF THE YEAR AWARD VIDEO BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



Mustang Park (Blue Park) was originally built in 1995, but had fallen into disrepair in recent years. The Town decided to close the park in Spring of 2022 and remove all the old equipment. However, the community was vocal about the frustration of losing this park. After gaining Council approval, the Payson Parks & Recreation team went into overdrive to gather community feedback and quickly complete a renovation project. The park was rebuilt and opened again on August 20th, 2023! We just celebrated our one year anniversary of the park re-opening!!!

## PARKS OPERATION TEAM

The Parks Operations crew is the backbone of the community, working tirelessly to maintain and enhance every park, event, and public space. From caring for the grass at Green Valley Park and maintaining the ball diamonds at Rumsey Park, to setting up for events and quietly dismantling everything afterward, their dedication is evident in every detail. They also manage the upkeep of Demming Park, Mustang Park, the Payson Event Center, assist with maintenance at Town Hall, and support the Visitors Center, ensuring that every corner of the town is pristine and welcoming. Their work is essential, yet often goes unnoticed, as the small crew consistently deliver excellence without seeking recognition.



**EVENT SPONSORS**

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- MHA
- PAYSON ORTHODONTICS
- PAYSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- SPARKLIGHT

**THANK YOU TO OUR DEPARTMENT SPONSORS**



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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT : KIWANIS CLUB & LIONS CLUB



Service clubs like Lions and Kiwanis contribute tremendously to our community through their service projects and events and they are always on the lookout for more members and volunteers. To do more, they need more hands on deck. Interested in learning more? Reach out: [paysonlionsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:paysonlionsfoundation@gmail.com) or [zanegreykiwanis.info@gmail.com](mailto:zanegreykiwanis.info@gmail.com)



## Kiwanis®

At Kiwanis of Zane Grey Country, our focus is on improving the lives of children right here in Rim Country. We proudly host the annual Eggstravaganza each Easter and the long-standing Oldest Continuous Rodeo Parade. Our annual auction supports vital initiatives such as Katie's Closet, Rim Country

Literacy, GoBags, and our Payson High School graduates. We also lead a KEY Club at Payson High and engage in various other efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people. Join us in our mission to create brighter futures for kids in our community!

Contact [zanegreykiwanis.info@gmail.com](mailto:zanegreykiwanis.info@gmail.com) to join.

Lion Club members have a saying "Where there's a need, there's a Lion" and Payson Lions club take this statement seriously. Lions provide annual eye screenings to elementary and middle school students and fund eye exams and glasses for children and adults in need. They collect and recycle thousands of eyeglasses, provide student scholarships, care for seniors in care centers, help to showcase Payson as the flag capitol of Arizona, host the annual Gone to the Dogs event that celebrates our furry friends, conduct estate sales and much more. Join today and help make a difference!

Contact [paysonlionsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:paysonlionsfoundation@gmail.com) to join.



# SPLASH PAD

The Town of Payson Splash Pad opened June 14th, 2024.

We are excited to announce that our new splash pad project has been successfully completed and is now open to the public from May to September! This vibrant addition to our community is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of many individuals and organizations.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible team of workers, contractors, and volunteers who brought this project to life. Your expertise, commitment, and tireless efforts have resulted in a fantastic new amenity that will bring joy to families and children for years to come.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to the community for your unwavering support throughout this journey. Your enthusiasm, feedback, and patience have been instrumental in making this vision a reality. It has been a joy to see the splash pad in use and to witness the happiness it brings to our residents.

As the summer season comes to an end, the splash pad will be closed for the fall and winter months. We are already looking forward to reopening it next year when temperatures warm up and the fun can continue. We hope you are as excited as we are for another season of enjoyment and play.



**HOURS** | **MAY - SEPTEMBER**  
10 AM - 6 PM  
CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS



## FLY FISHING CLASS

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024

REGISTRATION \$45/person

**CLOSES** September 10th, 2024

### IN-CLASS SESSION

9am - 11:30am | Green Valley Park - Ramada #4  
Closest to the stage off of S. Green Valley Parkway.

### LAKE SESSION

1pm - 3:30pm | Green Valley Park

### ITEMS:

Rods will be provided by the Payson Fly Casters.  
It is requested, if you have your own rod, to bring it along.

FLY FISHING CLASS TAUGHT BY JOHN GREEN AND THE PAYSON FLY CASTERS CLUB. FOR THE BEGINNER OR EXPERIENCED FISHERMAN, LEARN THE BASICS TO NEW TIPS AND TRICKS FROM THE PROS.

THIS CLASS FEATURES A CLASSROOM SESSION AND A LAKE SESSION. CLASS SESSION WILL TEACH AND EDUCATE ON ALL THE IMPORTANT COMPONENTS BEFORE HEADING TO THE LAKE FOR SOME FLY FISHING.



HOST A SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM



Special interest programs through Parks and Recreation play a crucial role in catering to the diverse needs and interests of the community. These programs are designed to offer specialized activities and classes that go beyond traditional recreational offerings, targeting specific hobbies, skills, or interests. From art workshops and cooking classes to athletic and outdoor adventures, special interest programs provide a platform for community members to explore their passions, learn new skills, and connect with like-minded individuals in a fun and engaging environment.

If you are passionate about a particular hobby, skill, or interest, consider partnering with Parks and Recreation and become a program leader. By sharing your expertise and enthusiasm with others, you can make a positive impact on the community, inspire others to pursue their interests, and create a vibrant and inclusive recreational environment for all. Get involved, lead a class, organize an activity, and help enrich the lives of community members through special interest programs today!

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS COMING 2025

## EDUCATIONAL NATURE WALKS

Join us every last Friday of the month through Fall and Winter for educational nature walks! These will be leisurely 45-60 minute guided hikes where we will stop to talk and learn about nature-related topics. From children eager to let out some energy to adults looking to expand their knowledge on local history and ecosystems, all ages are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: THESE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER.



SEPTEMBER 27TH @ 4PM  
Boulders North Trail

OCTOBER 25TH @ 4PM  
Goat Camp Ruins

NOVEMBER 29TH @ 4PM  
Boulders South Trail

DECEMBER 27TH @ 4PM  
Houston Mesa Trail



## HELP US SHAPE OUR

FUTURE SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES  
BY TAKING OUR SURVEY.  
JUST SCAN THE QR CODE!

## CONTACT US TO INQUIRE

INQUIRE ABOUT HOSTING A SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM BY CONTACTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AT 928-472-5110 OR STOPPING BY AT 1000 W. COUNTRY CLUB DR., PAYSON, AZ.



# WELCOME AGENTS!

## JOIN US FOR OUR NEW INTERACTIVE MISSION GAME!

Whether you're a local enthusiast or a curious traveler, immerse yourself in interactive games and hidden wonders of Payson and Green Valley Park.

Best of all, while you're having fun, you're also learning! Expand your knowledge of local wildlife and historical landmarks as you embark on this interactive journey.

The "Town of Payson" Mission is a virtual mission that you can do from the comfort of your home! This will take you on a tour of The Town of Payson's facilities and key areas.

If you are looking to get out of the house, then the "Green Valley Park" Mission is for you! Starting at the Payson Parks and Recreation Department, you can embark on a tour of the park and learn about the parks wildlife while enjoy the fresh air! Don't forget to snap photos and share your experiences with us using #playpayson

## HOW IT WORKS

Dive into the heart of Payson's charm with our new app! Follow the steps below to get started!

Step 1: Download the "Agents of Discovery" app from the Android and Apple App Stores. You can scan the QR Code to get a direct link to the app.

Step 2: Explore the Town of Payson and Green Valley Park Missions within the app library.

Step 3: Embark on an adventure like never before! Follow the prompts on your screen to unlock a world of discovery, right here in our town and beautiful park.



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES ONLINE BY USING THE HASHTAG

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