



Saturday, October 29, 2011 🎃 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Peoria Sports Complex 🎃 16101 N. 83rd Ave.

Free admission with canned food item(s) to help support

The St. Mary's/Westside Food Bank Alliance.

🎃 Hot Air Balloon Glow – sponsored by 

🎃 Parade of Costumes 🎃 Pumpkin Patch

🎃 Monster Street 🎃 Food & Other Activities

🎃 Nominal Fee On a Few Activities

For more information on this event, call (623) 773-8700 or

visit our website at: www.peoriasportscomplex.com



Peoria Sports News

Peoria Recreation **2011 Fall Season**

Winter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 6 by 6pm

Register by 6pm on November 28 and save \$20!

After registration has closed participants will be placed on a waiting list

**No special requests will be guaranteed after the registration deadline*

Registration Fees: \$70 (Resident) / \$100 (Non-Resident)

Season: January 14 — March 3

BASKETBALL – Boys & Girls 5-15: various schools on Saturdays

VOLLEYBALL – Boys 7-12 & Girls 7-18: various schools on Saturdays

MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL – Boys & Girls 6-8: various parks on Saturdays

TEAM TENNIS – Boys & Girls 8-14: various parks on Saturdays

To register visit our website www.peoriaaz.gov/youthsports or call (623)773-7137

Moving from Recreation to High School Athletics Forum — Monday, Oct. 24 at 6pm

Have you ever thought about how you should be preparing your child to move into high school athletics or exactly what high school athletics is all about? Join Christine Guterrez, Athletic Director at Sunrise Mountain High School, and Rick Johnson, Athletic Director at Liberty High School, along with members of each school's coaching staffs, to discuss how to transition your child from recreational youth sports into competitive high school athletics. The forum will take place on **Monday, Oct. 24 at 6:00pm** in the Sunrise Mountain High School auditorium.

Moving from a recreational program to a high school program can be challenging for some. Where recreational sports is about participation and skill development, high school athletics is about competition and results. Understanding that transition and the different mind sets that come with it can help you prepare your child as they progress.

We hope that you will join us to take advantage of this opportunity to communicate directly with coaches and athletic directors of our local high schools and hear directly from them before your child tries out for a position on their teams.

UPCOMING 2012 SPRING SPORTS

Sports Offered: Soccer, Flag Football, Softball, Tee Ball, Kickball

Reg. Deadline: Monday, February 27, 2012

Practices Begin: Week of March 19, 2012

Games Begin: Saturday, March 31, 2012

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City of Peoria Youth Sports

EVERY SEASON STARTS AT



Great Tasting Lunchmeat

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Adult 4-on-4 Sand Volleyball Leagues

Teams play two matches one night a week for a total of 14 regular season matches followed by a single-elimination tournament.

League play tentatively begins the week of January 10, 2012.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, December 27. Fee: \$125 per team.

Manager Meeting: Thursday, December 29, 5:30pm at
Development & Community Services Building.

League	Days	Location	Times	Course #
Coed Rec.	Tues.	Rio Vista Park	Evenings	66750
Coed Comp.	Wed.	Rio Vista Park	Evenings	66751
Coed Rec.	Thurs.	Rio Vista Park	Evenings	66752

Youth Team Tennis

This exciting program utilizes parent volunteer coaches and a play-first approach to learning tennis. Practices are held one or two days a week. Doubles matches allow for maximum participation. Participants should bring their own racquet. All matches held at Sunrise Mountain High School.

Location	Days	Times	Ages 8-10	Ages 11-14
Alta Vista	Sat.	9-11am	66737	66738
Fletcher Hgts	Sat.	9-11am	66741	66742
Parkridge	Sat.	9-11am	66743	66744
Sweetwater	Sat.	9-11am	66745	66746

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Peoria Youth Flag Football Sees Record Growth in Second Season using New Rules

During the 2011 spring season of the City of Peoria Youth Flag Football league new rules were applied to allow players to better learn the skills and techniques of football that would help them progress through the sport. The changes were met with a positive response from our participants. During the season there was a feeling that these were the right rule changes for the program. It clearly felt like kids were playing something more like real football.

That excitement has carried over to our fall season as the number of participants has grown. This current season has an increase of 19% over the number of participants last fall. There is already anticipation of the number of participants increasing for the spring season.

The goal behind the rule changes was to make the sport more like the football people see at the high school level. This included moving from a 5-on-5 format to a 7-on-7 format, as well as introducing basic blocking techniques in the 9-10 and 11-13 age groups. Marc Brust, City of Peoria Recreation Supervisor, elaborated on the changes. "We wanted to give kids the option of playing football and learning the skills that are important at the next levels, without having to play multiple seasons of tackle football." Brust said. "Tackle is great, but kids should not be hitting year round." By introducing basic techniques such as blocking, there is the chance to teach players how to play the game without taking an excessive number of hits in a year.

Flag Football Player's Skills Clinic and Coach's Chalk Talk Draws Great Response

On Saturday, September 17, the Peoria Sports Department and the Sunrise Mountain High School Football team, held the first ever Player Skills Clinic and Coach's Chalk Talk at Sunrise Mountain High School. Over 140 participants from the Peoria Youth Flag Football program took advantage of the free clinic.

Instruction was lead by head Sunrise Mountain Football Coach, James Carter. Along with his staff and over 25 members of the Sunrise Mountain Football team, they demonstrated drills and techniques to the younger players. Participants took part in stretching and warm up drills, offensive position skills, and defensive techniques.

Prior to the clinic Coach Carter took the time to run a "Chalk Talk" with some of this season's youth flag football coaches. The talk included sections on how to prepare for a practice, how to teach proper techniques, and how to keep players engaged and having fun during the season.

The city is truly grateful to Coach Carter, his assistant coaches, and the SMHS Football team, for taking the time to work with the city's participants and coaches in the middle of their season. With such a great response to the clinic, it is the city's hope to provide this type of clinic for many seasons to come.



Peoria Sports Offers Adult Flag Football Leagues

Do you enjoy watching your kids play flag football? You are invited to come out and enjoy the game for yourself. Peoria Sports offers an Adult Flag Football League three times a year. The next season starts in January. Registrations are due by Jan. 10 with the season starting on Jan. 31. All games are played on Tuesday evenings at Rio Vista Community Park. Get your team together and register now to reserve your spot. For full details about the league visit our website at www.peoriaaz.gov/sports.

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer coaches are needed for...

Basketball, Volleyball, Machine Pitch Baseball & Tennis

Coaches will be provided with a coaches education and training program.

*****For more information on coaching volleyball or tennis call Matt at 623-773-7117**

*****For more information on coaching basketball call Jeff at 623-773-7186**

*****For more information on coaching machine pitch baseball call Shane at 623-773-7763**



NEW MONTHLY CLINICS FOR BASKETBALL, DANCE & CHEER

Peoria Sports is partnering with FSIE to provide a series of monthly camps run by qualified professionals for participants ages 5-14. Fees vary based on the camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dance Camp — Saturday, 10/22, 1-6pm
Oasis Gymnastics & Sports Center CODE:66749

Cheer Camp — Saturday, 10/29, 2-7pm
& Sunday, 10/30, 12-3pm
Oasis Gymnastics & Sports Center CODE:66748

More camps to be announced in the near future including the Thanksgiving weekend and Winter Break. Check the Peoria Sports Website at www.peoriaaz.gov/youthsports for more info.

Join us at the
Peoria Runner's Series Fall Events:

Arizona on the Move 5K
OCTOBER 22, 2011

Veterans Day 5K
NOVEMBER 5, 2011

Early registration prices are
\$20 for each run or \$10 for each walk.
Receive a discount when you register for both!!
To register click on the Register Now online at
www.peoriaaz.gov/sports.

Sponsored by:

The City of Peoria & Peoria Unified School District **Winter Break Camp**

Date:
Dec 23, 27-30, Jan 3-6

Hours:
6:00am - 6:00pm

Grades:
K-8

Cost:
\$24 per day

Locations:
Cheyenne and Frontier Elementary

Registrations available online, at any of our
program locations, or at our Community Services office
For more info call [623-773-7137](tel:623-773-7137) or go to www.peoriaaz.gov/ampm



WINTER WATER SAFETY DAY & POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, January 7, 2012

8:00am-9:00am

Sunrise Pool (21321 N. 86th Dr.)

Free breakfast!

Come join us for a brisk morning swim and help promote water safety. The pool hasn't been heated since November, and the temperature is estimated to be in the low 40's. Those daring enough to swim across will receive a free shirt marking their accomplishment.



All "Plungers" (Swimmers), please register using code: 66720

If you do not wish to participate in the "plunge,"

but would still like to donate to provide a

2-week swim lesson to a child in need, please register using code: 66721

*All donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be mailed following the event.

For more information, please visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics/