



# Inside SDH

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## LEGO CLUB

by Kim B.

The Lego Club will meet on Friday, June 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Martha Cooper Library meeting room. As some of you know, I wanted to have the Lego Club meet twice a month during the summer. I tried, but the libraries are busy during the summer with their reading program activities and many of the central meeting rooms are booked up. If anyone has an alternative space, please let me know!

## YO-YO CLUB

by Kim B.

Due to popular demand we are starting a yo-yo club! In case you haven't noticed, there is a new yo-yo craze among many of the kids in the group. Our group will meet for the first time on Tuesday, June 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library in the big downstairs room. This is for yo-yo experts and novices alike! I'll be bringing a couple of extra yo-yo's for beginners – these yo-yo's don't do many tricks but are good to learn how to yo-yo.



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

by Shelley M.

I have activities planned once a week all summer long. Everyone is welcome to come! Grand Cinemas at Grant and Swan has kids' summer movies free for kids 10 and under and \$2 for everyone else. They also have a \$3 kids pack concession special this year. All activities start at 10:00, including the movies! Hopefully we'll see some of you over the summer!

• **Monday, June 1 – “Clone Wars”** at Grand Cinemas (Grant and Swan). Then after the movie, the splash park at Brandi Fenton Park on River and Dodge.

• **Wednesday, June 10 – “Tale of Desperaux”** at Grand Cinemas (Grant and Swan), then lunch at McCormick Park, then bowling at Lucky Strike (bowling will be around 12:30). Lucky Strike is on Speedway just east of Alvernon. If you want to bowl, please let me know by June 1. I was planning on using the kids bowl free coupons, but if we end up with a large group I'll need to reserve in advance. If we reserve in advance, it will \$4 for 2 hours of bowling with shoes, plus you can add pizza and soda for \$1.50.

• **Monday, June 15 – “Nim’s Island”** at Grand Cinemas (Grant and Swan), then my pool. I live near River and Campbell. Let me know by June 11 if you want to come to my pool so I can give you directions, and if there's enough people I'll reserve the clubhouse. The clubhouse is right by the pool, has a bathroom, kitchen, places to sit, and is air-conditioned! You can show up even if you haven't contacted me.

• **Monday, June 22 – “Curious George”** at Grand Cinemas (Grant and Swan), then the splash park at Brandi Fenton Park on River and Dodge.

• **Monday, June 29 – “Kung Fu Panda”** at Grand Cinemas (Grant and Swan).



## SUMMER MOVIES AND BOWLING

by Lara B.

To take the place of park day's summer break we will be bowling all summer on Tuesdays at Fiesta Bowl (River and Oracle). Kids bowl free (two games), with preprinted coupons (link is below). If you do not want to rent bowling shoes each time for \$2.75, then you'll need to bring your own. (ebay has some pretty good deals!)

Across Oracle, at the Grand Cinema Theater (where movies are \$1 on Tuesdays), we will also see a movie. Each week I will post the movie and time on the Discuss List a few days ahead of time. Sometimes bowling will be first, and sometimes the movie will be first, it just depends on the movie time for that week.

Here's the free bowling link for sign-up and coupons: [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)

Here's Grand Cinema movie times link:

[http://www.movievalue.com/times\\_files/TIMES-oracle-now.html](http://www.movievalue.com/times_files/TIMES-oracle-now.html)

Grand Cinema is also running their free summer movies for ages 10 and under that start at 11:00 a.m. each weekday. Some of our Tuesday movies will probably be those, but those are \$2 for over 10 years old, instead of the regular \$1 Tuesday rate.



## MT. LEMMON CAMPING

by Lara B.



We have a cabin on Mt Lemmon reserved for July 24-26th to go up and get out of the city's heat. There is room for at least 15 people sleeping inside the cabin, plus there is space outside for tent camping if people would like to do that instead. There are raised decks around the perimeter of the cabin, where it is great for sleeping in sleeping bags. We will hang out, and also do some hiking and exploring for those that want to join. There is an outhouse style restroom, and there is running water in the cabin's kitchen. Each family is responsible for their own food and camping stuff. It is \$10 per family for the weekend. Please RSVP to me.

## ATC AND AZ OPERA

by Donna J.

I will begin the sign-up process for Arizona Theatre Company's student matinees and Arizona Opera's student dress rehearsals in July . Please look for information in next month's newsletter and on SDH's discussion board. The deadline to submit your order and payment will be in August. I won't be doing a September sign-up this year.



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## **SDH MONTHLY PARENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Moms' Coffee Night - June 25***

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at Something Sweet, 5319 E. Speedway (NW corner of Speedway and Beverly, east of Craycroft) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (or any time in between)

### ***Dads' Coffee Night - June 3***

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders on Oracle.

## **FA+IR FOR EDUCATORS**

by Debbie G.

Join teachers and homeschooling parents on Wednesday, June 3 for the 4th annual FA+IR for Educators. The FA+IR, which is completely free to attend, is a sign of the Pima County school superintendent's commitment to showcase the wide variety of free and inexpensive learning resources available in Tucson and Southern Arizona. 100 exhibitors from local museums, colleges, and businesses will be on hand to answer questions and to provide ideas for incorporating their resources in your homeschooling plans. The FA+IR's exhibition hall will be supplemented by 36 breakout sessions scheduled throughout the day. Complimentary snacks are provided, and lunch will be available for purchase at the event.

The county school superintendent's office has welcomed and encouraged homeschoolers to be part of the FA+IR from the beginning (and that includes at the planning level — I have been a member of the planning committee since the first FA+IR in 2006, and was invited to join specifically because the school superintendent's office wanted a member of the homeschooling community to participate in the event's development).

Online pre-registration helps ensure that the exhibitors bring enough materials for everyone who attends. Go to <http://www.pimaregionalsupport.org/fair/registration/teachers/index.htm> and please be sure to select "Home school" as the answer to the question "Where are you currently teaching/working," because this gives the FA+IR's planning committee an idea of how many homeschooling parents are attending the event.

If you have any questions about the FA+IR, please contact me. And remember – whether you have lived in Tucson for decades, or just moved here, you will find out about places you didn't know existed, and discover new ways to enrich your child's education.



**4<sup>th</sup> FA+IR for Educators**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Holiday Inn Palo Verde**  
**4550 S. Palo Verde Rd., Tucson**



## **CITYWIDE USED CURRICULUM & CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**at Christ Community Church**

**7801 E. Kenyon Dr., Tucson, 85710**

**(south of Broadway and Pantano)**

**Sponsored by CHET-SE**

If you are interested in selling, registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, June 2. To sign up for a table (\$5 for first/ \$3 for second/ \$1 additional tables) or for space rental (bringing own table - \$3 for first/ \$1 for additional space) contact [roxannebutcher@cox.net](mailto:roxannebutcher@cox.net).

At this year's Curriculum & Craft Fair there will be a FREE TABLE. This self-serve table will be clearly marked and donations accepted from anyone that would like to donate. (You do not have to be a vendor to donate.) We ask that donations are only homeschool curriculum/ items and in good condition. Items must be dropped off at the Curriculum & Craft Fair between 10-10:30. Donors are welcome to pick up leftover items at closing (2:00 p.m.). All items left after the time of closing will be donated to local families in need, the CHET-SE Library, and Book Samaritan (an out-of-state non-profit organization that supplies curriculum to homeschool families in need). We would like to bless families in our homeschooling community. Items from the FREE TABLE are available during the Curriculum & Craft Fair to anyone that has a need at this time in their life.