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# Inside City Hall

## Working Together, Sierra Vistans Bring Goodwill and Holiday Cheer

by Chuck Potucek, City Manager

**A**S WE MOVE INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON, I like to reflect on what makes this time of year special, especially here in Sierra Vista.

Our parks, recreation, and special events staff work hard to honor and expand our City's holiday traditions, bringing a little winter magic to life. Lights are strung and busy families gather to celebrate as Veterans Memorial Park transforms for the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market. The familiar faces of the Old World Santas lit on display, the big man himself making his local debut, and shoppers winding their way through the busy market have become hallmarks of the holidays here.

The Sierra Vista Community Band plays as people gather round and watch as the big tree is lit. Children ice skate nearby or play in snow—albeit man-made—giving them access to traditional holiday joys uncommon in the desert.

The holidays are a time for local artisans and vendors to sell their wares, when folks can find that unique gift not available in big-box stores. A time when we can shop local, patronizing the businesses that sponsor our local sports organizations, support community events, and help those in need.

Most importantly, it's a time we can come together as a community. The goodwill we share at this time of year is nurtured by citizens, service clubs, volunteers, and other groups that work passionately to make the holidays a little brighter for everyone.

Whether it's food and clothing drives to provide necessities to our most vulnerable citizens, toy drives that ensure no child in need wakes up to an empty tree on Christmas day, or other generous donations or sponsorships that help to make the holidays a more cheerful time, the magic we see in Sierra Vista is made by Sierra Vistans.

Some of that magic is made by the City's own firefighters, who are hosting their 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy Drive this year. Their efforts rely on the goodwill of residents, who donate items every year and volunteer to bag and tag presents delivered to families in need.

Other City staff contribute by providing extraordinary holiday activities for people of all ages. The Sierra Vista Public Library, with generous support from the Friends Bookstore and Little Library Bookstore, provides holiday and other programming free to all community members, in no small part because of

the generosity of those organizations.

Partnerships between groups continue to grow, all for the benefit of the people who reside here. One of those is between the City and the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the Christmas Light Parade in conjunction with our Tree Lighting and Holiday Market. Both organizations work together not only during this season, but throughout the year to support local entrepreneurs and businesses, helping them to thrive. Even by partnering on expanded holiday festivities, we strive to bring visitors and dollars into our community.

No matter how we celebrate, this season spotlights the year-round commitment we all make to each other. It's a time to be grateful for what we have and generous to those who have less. Sierra Vista shows up for Sierra Vistans. To me, that is an aspect of our City that sets us apart.

Individual actions may seem small, but together we all can make a difference in the lives of people right here in our community. Whether it's by shopping at local businesses, donating money or time to local charities, or offering a helping hand to a stranger, we all contribute to making this the best little big city in southeastern Arizona.

In short, it's each one of the us, the people who live here, that help make the holidays in Sierra Vista special. And what we do together each year really does feel a lot like magic. *Happy holidays!*



### CITY SEEKS PHOTOGRAPHS TO SHOWCASE SIERRA VISTA

The City is seeking photograph submissions that showcase Sierra Vista and the surrounding areas to display in the City Council Chambers. Photographers whose work is selected will receive an honorarium. Email [PIO@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:PIO@SierraVistaAZ.gov) for more information or to submit photographs. Deadline is December 31.



# Experience Winter Magic all Month Long



“These uncommon recreational opportunities make Sierra Vista a destination for the holiday season and help support the local economy,” City Tourism and Economic Development Director Tony Boone says. “So not only do we get to offer exceptional experiences to our community, we’re also helping our City and its businesses thrive.”

The ice rink itself grossed over \$75,000 in revenue for the City last year, helping to cover the costs of bringing in this extraordinary recreational opportunity. The economic impact of attracting visitors gives a boost to local businesses, as folks from near and far patronize local establishments while out and about.

## Thanks to our Sponsors!

The City appreciates the support of its partners and sponsors who help make all the magic happen. Thank you to Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista, which donated the tree that serves as the centerpiece of the event and that continues to grow with their generous support. And thank you to our partners at the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce for their annual Christmas Light Parade that’s held in conjunction with the City’s event on Saturday night. Thanks to Comfort Inn & Suites for their charitable sponsorship of the ice-skating rink. Your generous support continues to enhance the holiday season!

**T**HE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA’S EXPANDED holiday festivities return this year, transforming Veterans Memorial Park into a month-long destination for individuals and families looking to immerse themselves in holiday cheer.

The seasonal celebration will kick off with the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market on Friday, December 1, from 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. This event features holiday shopping from local vendors, children’s activities, music, food for purchase, ice skating, the Old World Santas display, and visits from Mr. Claus himself each night! But the magic doesn’t stop there—the Santas display, lights, and ice skating are available from December 1 through January 2, 2024!

## Ice Skating

The City of Sierra Vista is bringing back a holiday favorite—the ice-skating rink! The rink will open in conjunction with the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market on December 1, and be available to the public until January 2, 2024. The cost to skate is \$10 per person, per 55-minute block, and includes skate rental. There are also complimentary skater aids

for kids and other first-time skaters available on a first-come, first-served basis. For a detailed schedule and more information on reservations, visit [SierraVistaAZ.gov/winter-magic](https://SierraVistaAZ.gov/winter-magic).

This unique feature coupled with the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market and the Old World Santas display and holiday lights in the park, builds on our community’s traditions while offering new experiences.

“We want to honor our community’s holiday traditions while we enhance and expand them, so the magic lingers all month long,” City Parks, Recreation, and Library Director Laura Wilson says. “We want to make Veterans Memorial Park the place where residents and visitors can make holiday memories that last a lifetime.”

The addition of more extraordinary activities has helped to draw in visitors from surrounding areas. Last year, over 32,000 people visited the center of Veterans Memorial Park throughout the month. Individuals, families, and groups enjoyed the holiday displays and skating on real ice—many for the first time! The majority were area residents, but many people also traveled from places like Tucson, Bisbee, Benson, and Tombstone to enjoy the festivities.

## IF YOU GO

The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Market will take place in the center of Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, December 1, from 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Friday, December 1, the Sierra Vista Community Band will perform at 5 p.m. and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive after the ceremony to meet local children and take their letters, while the holiday market, children’s activities, and ice skating will remain open throughout.

On Saturday, King Crowdaddy and the Mudbugs will perform festive jazz music ’til noon. Between 5 to 8 p.m., the park entrances and exits will close for the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce’s Christmas Light Parade, with a route encircling the park. Once the parade ends, Santa will visit once again as shopping, children’s activities, and ice skating continue until 9 p.m.



## Get your Old World Santas Ornaments

**A**TTEENDEES TO THE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING and Holiday Market will not only get to view the City's Old World Santas display, they can also purchase the City's limited-edition Old World Santas ornaments for \$12 each at the event. Residents chose Midnight Santa and Musical Santa as the new ornaments to be released this year. Prior years' ornaments will also be available for purchase while supplies last. Proceeds support maintenance of the Old World Santas display.

Can't make it to the event? The ornaments are also available for purchase at City Hall or the Visitors Center. Residents can vote on their favorite Santa to be featured next year or reserve ornaments for pickup at City Hall by visiting [SierraVistaAZ.gov/Santas](http://SierraVistaAZ.gov/Santas). For assistance, call (520) 458-3315.



## Christmas Light Parade

**R**EGISTRATION FOR THE SIERRA VISTA AREA Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Light Parade is open through November 22. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World."

The parade will take place on Saturday, December 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. It will start on Avenida Escuela, by the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, heading south towards Fry Boulevard. The parade will then turn west on Fry Boulevard, proceeding past Veterans Memorial Park to Coronado Drive. The route will head northwest on Coronado Drive, continuing straight past the intersection of Moorman Avenue where Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway begins. It will then continue along the parkway until it concludes at the intersection of Avenida Escuela.

The parade will be viewable along the southern border of Veterans Memorial Park on Fry Boulevard and from the northern border along Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. Please note, all entrances and exits to the park will be closed from 5 to 8 p.m. East Tacoma Avenue and Avenida Escuela north of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway will be closed for parade staging that day beginning at 3 p.m.

In addition to the parade, the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its Light Up Sierra Vista and Santa Fly-In during the holiday season. Learn more about these events at [svachamber.com](http://svachamber.com).

## Firefighters Host 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Toy Drive

**F**OR OVER 50 YEARS, SIERRA VISTA FIRE & Medical Services firefighters have brought joy to local homes by ensuring families in need have something to unwrap for Christmas.

The department's Christmas Toy Drive is getting ready to serve 250 to 300 area families once again. Here's how to help and how to apply for assistance.

### How to Help

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for kids newborn to 12 years of age and monetary contributions can be dropped off at any Sierra Vista Fire & Medical Services fire station until Friday, December 15. The department will also host three off-site toy donation drives on Wednesdays in the ACE Hardware parking lot from 4 to 6 p.m. on November 29, December 6, and December 13.

Firefighters need assistance in bagging and delivering items. This is a drop-in volunteer opportunity. No pre-registration is required.

Bag & Tag: December 16 | 1 – 4 PM | Fire Station 1  
Delivery: December 17 | 8 AM | Fire Station 1

### Apply for Assistance

Parents and legal guardians can apply for assistance from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, at Fire Station 3, located at 675 Giulio Cesare Avenue. Children newborn to 12 years old living in the Sierra Vista area are eligible to receive assistance.

### APPLICANTS MUST:

- Apply in person, not on someone else's behalf, and present documentation of parental or legal guardianship
  - Present a photo ID and proof of local residency, like a utility bill or other document indicating applicant's name and address
- For more information, call (520) 417-4400.



# Moving Forward

## Cybersecurity Startup Wins Sponsored Launch



(From left) City of Sierra Vista Tourism and Economic Development Director Tony Boone, Port 194 Founder John McCary, and Southeastern Arizona Chamber Foundation CEO Melany Edwards-Barton celebrate the selection of Port 194 for one year of sponsored admission into the UACI incubation program.

**T**HE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CENTER FOR Innovation (UACI) announced southern Arizona based Port 194 as a winner of a UACI Sponsored Launch in October! Port 194 provides intuitive tools, training, and analysis for frontline users and specializes in big data geolocation and visualization.

By partnering with the Southeastern Arizona Chamber Foundation and UACI, the City of Sierra Vista and its partners sponsor local businesses to have one-year access to UACI's incubator program. The program includes resources, services, and expert guidance to grow a business. This sponsorship also includes one year of office space at the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority (SVIDA).

"The City of Sierra Vista is excited to sponsor our first business, Port 194, in the UACI Incubator, adding to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the city. Our partnership with the Chamber Foundation, SVIDA, and UACI will make significant contributions to improve our economy through growing our local tech-based businesses," said Tony Boone, City Tourism and Economic Development Director.

Applicants for the sponsorship undergo a competitive process and are reviewed by a panel of judges from diverse professional backgrounds. This year's judges included Gary Packard, Dean of College of Applied Science and Technology, University of Arizona; Jennifer Sorenson, Publisher, Herald/Review Media; Jay Williamson, President and CEO, American Southwest Credit Union; and Vanessa Laurin, Owner, Tell Mama Lounge.

According to UACI's press release, Port 194 was chosen "because of their work on solutions for real-world problems and for their desire to make a significant difference in the local and global communities through innovation." Learn more about Port 194 at [port194.com](http://port194.com).

The Sponsored Launch program provides an avenue for startup businesses to receive UACI resources at no cost. Awardees have a direct line to UACI's mentors and subject matter experts who help successfully launch the startup's idea into the marketplace. The sponsorship is valued at \$5,000 and focuses on the importance of supporting small businesses on the local level.

"Partnerships propel business. The Southeastern Arizona Chamber Foundation's partnership with UACI, the City of Sierra Vista, and the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority via Sponsored Launch represents the convergence of innovative ideas and strategic partnership. Our region, in Southeastern Arizona, is science and tech based. Port 194 offers forward-thinking technology to support other businesses which ensures they are working directly with valid and ethical companies worldwide. We stand in support of Port 194 and we're eager to see their growth," said Melany Edwards-Barton, CEO of the Southeastern Arizona Chamber Foundation.

To be eligible for Sponsored Launch, the startup must exist or operate in Cochise County, be within the science and technology industry, be pursuing an innovative solution to a significant business or societal challenge, be pursuing a scalable business model, have a team committed to commercializing its innovation, have at least two founders or team members contributing significant effort and time to the startup, demonstrate a need for incubation, services, and be making a significant difference in our local and global communities through innovation.

### COMING SOON

 **Moonshot**  
**PIONEER PITCH**  
**COMPETITION 2024!**

Do you have a "shoot for the moon" business idea or an existing business you'd like to expand? Join us for an informational kickoff meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, to learn more. Free to attend and light refreshments provided.

February 1 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce | 21 E. Wilcox Drive

## Recycle Christmas Trees for Free



**L**IVE PINE TREES CAN FILL HOMES WITH THE scent and spirit of the holiday season but too often Christmas trees end up in the landfill once the new year comes. This year, why not resolve to make Christmas a little greener by recycling that tree instead?

Starting Tuesday, January 2, Christmas trees without decorations can be recycled free of charge by dropping them off at the City's Compost Facility on Highway 90. The trees will be turned into high quality compost available for purchase by the truck load at the Compost Facility.

Please remember to remove all tinsel, lights, and

ornaments. Only live trees can be recycled, so do not drop off artificial trees. Christmas tree recycling will be available through Saturday, January 27, 2024. This free drop off service is available to all Cochise County residents.

City refuse customers also have the option to schedule a free curbside pickup for their tree by calling (520) 458-7530 by Monday at 5 p.m. for a Wednesday pickup. The next Wednesday when green waste pickups may be arranged is on January 10, 2023. These special Christmas tree pickups can also be scheduled by filling out a green waste pickup request form available at [SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://SierraVistaAZ.gov).

## Prevent a Plumbing Coronary

Prevent a Plumbing Coronary Whether featuring turkey, ham, or both, holiday meals produce a lot of leftovers, including some used cooking grease that all too often makes its way down the drain.

In your pipes, this fat, oil, and grease cools and solidifies, creating blockages that can be costly for homeowners and for the City if they form in public pipes. Thankfully there's a way to put all that cooking fat, oil, and grease to good use!

The City enables residents to greasecycle by dropping off used cooking fat, oil, and grease in dry, sealed containers with secure lids at the Compost Facility located at 7201 E. Highway 90. Be sure to use a coffee filter and paper towel to remove the solid bits and residue. It will then be turned into biodiesel fuel!

The Compost Facility is located at 7201 E. Highway 90 (at mile marker 325, near the Cochise County Transfer Station). The Compost Facility is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Compost Facility will be closed for Thanksgiving week starting Monday, November 20. It will reopen on Monday, November 27. It will also be closed the last week of the year beginning Monday, December 25. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.



## Holiday Trash Pickup Changes

The trash pickup on Thursday, November 23, will shift to Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no change to the Friday, November 24, pickup.

The trash pickups for Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, will be shifted one day later due to the observed Christmas holiday. The trash pickups for Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2, 2024, will also shift one day later due to the observed New Year's Day holiday.

No special Wednesday pickups will be available these weeks.

# Extraordinary Outings



## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & Holiday Market

Welcome the holiday season with this longstanding Sierra Vista tradition! The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, setting Veterans Memorial Park aglow with holiday cheer. Enjoy music by the Sierra Vista Community Band, children's activities, holiday shopping with local vendors, and a special appearance by Santa Claus on both nights!

Friday, December 1 | 4 – 9 PM  
Saturday, December 2 | 11 AM – 9 PM  
Veterans Memorial Park | 3105 E. Fry Boulevard

## ICE SKATING IN SIERRA VISTA *Sponsored by Comfort Inn & Suites*

This holiday favorite is back and better than ever! Once again, you can skate on real ice, outside, in Arizona. The ice rink will open in conjunction with the Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Market at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in Veterans Memorial Park. Skating will be available in 1-hour blocks through January 2, 2024. You can reserve a slot ahead of time or pay on-site if space is available. The cost is \$10 per person, per 1-hour block and includes skate rental. Holiday hours vary. A detailed schedule and reservation information will be available at [SierraVistaAZ.gov/winter-magic](http://SierraVistaAZ.gov/winter-magic). Skate time is non-refundable. For more information, call (520) 515-4999.

December 1 – January 2, 2024 | Hours vary | \$10 per person (55 minutes)  
Veterans Memorial Park | 3105 E. Fry Boulevard

## YULETIDE MARKET & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

You won't want to miss this ideal opportunity to find that something special for those on your holiday gift list! The bazaar will feature unique, one-a-kind pieces from local artisans as well as items from commercial vendors. For more information call (520) 439-2300 or email [Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, December 9 | 9 AM – 3 PM  
Ethel H. Berger Center | 2950 E. Tacoma Street



## DINNER MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY: *Elficide – Murder at the North Pole*

Join us for a night of savory food, fun, and intrigue with the Fault Line Players! This holiday-themed showcase will keep you laughing, and guessing, through three delicious courses by the Book Nook Café. The menu includes a garden salad; meatloaf, potato salad, and greens; and a brownie for dessert. Patrons must be 18 years of age or older. Register today by calling (520) 417-6980 or online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, December 16 | 1 – 3 PM | \$45 per person  
Ethel H. Berger Center | 2950 E. Tacoma Street



## SATURDAY WITH SANTA

Yule want to jingle all the way to Saturday with Santa! Create Christmas crafts, complete Santa Claus's Christmas quest in the botanical gardens, and play reindeer games in the courtyard. Keep that camera close for a picture with the big guy! These glad tidings are all first come, first served, while supplies last. Free and open to all ages. No registration required.

Saturday, December 16 | 10 AM – NOON  
Sierra Vista Public Library Meeting Room | 2600 E. Tacoma Street

## DINE-A-NIGHT

If you're an adult 55 years of age or older and would like to socialize and try local cuisine, call or email Parmalee Mitchell to learn more about the dates, times, and locations for this program. Learn more and reserve your spot by calling (520) 439-2300 or emailing [Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Designated Thursdays, once a month | \$15 per person  
Local Area Restaurants

## SPRING BAZAAR

Our Annual Spring Bazaar will feature local artisans from the Cochise County area as they showcase their many wares for the spring season. It's an ideal opportunity to find unique and fun items to spruce up the house for spring and summer. The bazaar will feature unique and one-of-a-kind items in addition to commercial vendors. For more information email [Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:Parmalee.Mitchell@SierraVistaAZ.gov) or call (520) 439-2300.

Saturday, March 30 | 9 AM – 3 PM  
Ethel H. Berger Center | 2950 E. Tacoma Street

# Extraordinary Outings

## Day Trips

### **ELGIN/SONOITA WINE COUNTRY**

Let us do the driving for you as we venture to Sonoita to taste a variety of local vintages! Enjoy a total of 15 tastings and snacks as we travel to Twisted Union, Elgin Winery & Distillery, and Los Milics Vineyards. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Register at [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov) or call (520) 417-6980.

Saturday, January 20 | 10:30 AM – 4 PM | \$75 per person  
Depart from & Return to the Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)  
2950 E. Tacoma Street

**NOTE:** to schedule departure from Whetstone or Benson, call (520) 439-2300.

### **TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Join us as we provide round-trip transportation to the Tubac Festival of the Arts! Held in the historic art colony of Tubac, the annual Festival of the Arts is the Southwest's longest running arts festival. Highlights of the festival include more than 250 fine artists and craftsmen, a large assortment of festival eateries, and live entertainment. The artists are integrated throughout the village, along the roadways, plazas and among more than 125 art galleries, boutiques, specialty shops, and restaurants—providing one of the most beautiful and unique festival settings in Arizona!

Saturday, February 10 | 8:30 AM – 5 PM | \$40 per person  
Depart from & Return to the EBC | 2950 E. Tacoma Street

**NOTE:** to schedule departure from Whetstone or Benson, call (520) 439-2300.

### **TUCSON FOURTH AVENUE STREET FAIR**

Join us as we provide round-trip transportation to the Fourth Avenue Street Fair in Tucson! The fair boasts around 400 artist booths featuring pieces ranging from fine art to country crafts. You'll also be able to patronize some of the 35 food vendors, including Mexican, Thai, Greek, BBQ, and more! There will be music featuring original songs and local community performances. Must be 18 years of age or older. Register at [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov) or call (520) 417-6980.

Saturday, May 23 | 8:30 AM – 5 PM | \$40 per person (ages 18+)  
Depart from & Return to the EBC | 2950 E. Tacoma Street

## Friday Family Fun Nights



### **CRAFTS & COOKIES**

Enjoy an evening of creating holiday-themed crafts with us. We'll bring some sweet snacks and everything you will need to make your own holiday decorations. This program is open to kids and families of all ages. To register, call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, December 8 | 5:30 – 7 PM | \$10 per person  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street

### **FITNESS!**

Join us for our yoga edition of Friday Family Fun Night! Enjoy the benefits of yoga for the whole family. Bring your own yoga mat or use ours. This program is open to kids and families of all ages. Contact the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov) to sign up.

Friday, January 12 | 6 – 7 PM | \$10 per person  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street

### **SLIME TIME**

Enjoy all the fun of making slime, but leave the mess behind! We'll provide supplies to complete a few different types of slime for that hands-on, sensory stimulation. This program is open to kids and families ages 5 years or older. Space is limited, so sign up early. To register, call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or go to [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, January 26 | 6 – 7 PM | \$10 per person (ages 5+)  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street

### **PARENT & CHILD NIGHT OUT: Snacks & Interactive Movie**

The event is meant for youth and their parents to spend the evening together. While watching "The Lego Movie" enjoy a themed snack, craft, and activity. This program is open to kids and families 5 years of age or older. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, February 3 | 5 – 8 PM | \$15 per person (ages 5+)  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street



### **VALENTINE COOKIES**

Join us to bake and decorate cookies! Design them just for you or sweeten someone's day. What's not to love? Spaces are limited. This program is open to kids and families of all ages. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, February 9 | 6 – 7 PM | \$10 per person  
Ethel H. Berger Center | 2950 E. Tacoma Street

### **MANDALA ROCKS**

Come paint mandala rocks with us! These fun designs in a variety of colors will quickly liven up your space. This program is open to kids and families of all ages. Call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov) to register.

Friday, February 16 | 6 – 7 PM | \$10 per person  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street

### **SUNCATCHERS**

Add some color to your home with a suncatcher! These suncatchers are a fun way to brighten up your space. All materials will be provided. This program is open to kids and families of all ages. Call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at (520) 458-7922 or visit [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov) to register.

Friday, February 23 | 6 – 7 PM | \$10 per person  
Oscar Yrun Community Center | 3020 E. Tacoma Street

# Library

## Youth & Family Programs

### Storytimes

The library's weekly baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes return January 2! Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Storytimes last about 30 minutes.

#### **BABY STORYTIME**

Babies will enjoy songs, movement activities, rhymes, and books. This program is geared for children birth to 18-months old.

Tuesdays, January 2 – March 29 | 10:30 AM | Meeting Room

#### **TODDLER STORYTIME**

Children will listen to stories, music, and more. This program is geared for children 18-months old to 3 years of age.

Fridays, January 2 – March 29 | 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM | Meeting Room

#### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Children will listen to stories, dance to music, and make a craft. This program is geared for children ages 3 to 5 years of age. The 10:30 session will be live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesdays, January 2 – March 29 | 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM | Meeting Room

#### **MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME**

Families will enjoy a storytime full of movement, singing, and stories. This program is geared for children 5 years of age and under and their families.

Thursdays, December 7, January 4 & February 1 | 6:30 PM | Meeting Room

#### **STORIES IN THE ROUND**

This special off-site storytime features songs, movements, and stories to build early literacy skills. This program is geared for children 5 years of age and under.

Mondays, December 18, January 22 & February 1 | 10 AM  
The Mall at Sierra Vista Children's Play Area | 2200 El Mercado Loop

#### **STORYTIME WITH SMOKEY & WOODSY**

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are making a special trip to the library this winter, and so should you! Come learn about the U.S. Forest Service and fire prevention from the guardian himself with stories, songs, games, and crafts. This family program is geared for all ages.

Saturday, January 27 | 11 AM – NOON | Meeting Room

#### **MAKER LAB**

Calling all junior engineers and science kids! Join us for an afternoon of STEM-based fun and exploration. This program is for youth 7 to 11 years of age. Monthly themes are available on flyers and calendars at the library. Registration is required. Register online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Monday, December 4 | 4 PM | Meeting Room

Monday, January 8 | 4 PM | Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 6 | 4 PM | Meeting Room

#### **READ! BUILD! PLAY!**

Little builders are invited to read books, build with Duplo and Mega Blocks, and play with their creations. The library provides board books and blocks, the little builders bring their imagination and engineering skills. The program is geared for 4 years of age and under.

Saturdays, December 9, January 6 & February 10 | 10:30 – 11 AM  
Meeting Room



#### **LEGO CLUB**

Are you ready to build your dream home? Or a spaceship to blast off into the galaxy? Then, look no further because we have a pile of Lego blocks just waiting to be used! Each month will explore a new STEAM topic. This program is geared for youth 5 years of age and up.

Thursdays, December 21, January 18 & February 15 | 4 PM | Meeting Room



#### **AROUND THE WORLD WE GO!**

Take a trip around the world right here at your local library! Learn about a different country and culture through stories, music, language, and games. Monthly themes are available on flyers and calendars at the library. This program is geared for all ages.

Monday, December 18 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM | Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 23 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM | Meeting Room

Monday, February 12 | 5:30 – 6:15 PM | Meeting Room

#### **ART FOR LITTLE HANDS**

It's time to get messy at the library! Preschoolers will love creating their own art projects with a different theme each month. Monthly themes are available on flyers and calendars at the library. This program is geared for youth 2 to 5 years of age. Registration is required for each session. Register online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, December 9 | 2 – 2:30 PM | Meeting Room

Monday, January 8 | 11:30 AM – NOON | Meeting Room

Thursday, February 8 | 11:30 AM – NOON | Meeting Room

#### **TIME TO GET COZY!**

Little ones and their families are invited to the library for a morning of comfort and coziness. Bring a blanket, pillow, and/or your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy cocoa, stories, and more. This program is geared for children 5 years of age and under.

Wednesday, December 6 | 10:30 – 11:15 AM | Meeting Room

## **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA PIZZA PARTY**

Join us at the library with family and friends for a special Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle-themed edition of Family Movie Friday. Themed crafts, pizza, and light refreshments will be provided while supplies last. This program is for all ages.

Friday, January 12 | 5 – 7 PM | Meeting Room

## **VOICES OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE**

The Harlem Renaissance was a vibrant time in African-American history and culture that lasted from the 1910s through the mid-1930s. Explore the music, art, and literature of icons like Langston Hughes, Romare Beardon, Bessie Smith, and more. This program is geared for youth 5 years of age and older.

Friday, February 16 | 1 – 1:45 PM | Meeting Room



## **YOUTH CHESS CLUB**

Are you interested in learning how to play chess? Or are you looking for someone new to test your moves out on? Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for this monthly chess club. Bring your own board and pieces or use one of the library's. This program is for youth 8 to 18 years of age.

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 & February 13 | 5 – 6:30 PM  
Meeting Room

## **LIBRARY AT TWILIGHT: *Glow in the Dark Dodgeball***

In this silly version of dodgeball, we'll use toilet paper instead of balls! This program will also use black lights and glow sticks. Come dressed in neon or white and be prepared to glow for it! This program is for youth 7 to 11 years of age. Registration is required. Register online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, January 26 | 4 – 4:30 PM or 5 – 5:30 PM

## Teen/Tween Programs



## **TEEN TABLETOP**

The monthly adventure continues! Experienced players and newbies are all welcome as we embark on short campaigns and one-offs with pre-made characters or original creations. D&D, Kids on Bikes, and cooperative boardgames will be explored. This program is for tweens and teens 12 years of age and older.

Saturdays, December 16, January 6 & February 17 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Tuesdays, January 16 & February 27 | 4:30 – 6 PM  
Conference Room

## **MANGA MANIA**

Join us for this program for middle school-age tweens. Each month we'll get together and discuss all things manga and anime. Tweens can share fan art, debate their favorite series, try different Japanese snacks, make manga-themed crafts, and more. This program is for youth 10 to 13 years of age.

Wednesdays, December 20, January 17 & February 21 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
Meeting Room

## **TEEN CRAFTERNOON**

Try your hand at a different craft every month from DIY projects to textile arts and beyond. Monthly themes are available on flyers and calendars at the library. Sessions are drop in, with all supplies provided. This program is for youth 12 years of age and older.

Thursday, December 14 | 4:30 PM  
Tuesday, January 30 | 4:30 PM  
Thursday, February 15 | 4:30 PM



## **TEEN MURDER MYSTERY**

Teens are invited to the library for an evening of role playing, hilarity, and intrigue. In a world where bad guys wreak havoc on peace, it's up to a select few superheroes to keep the planet safe. These heroes, the League of Good Guys, gather one evening to discuss strategy when a controversial alloy goes missing and a butler is found dead. It is up to all the heroes to question the suspects to find the killer in their midst! This program is for teens 12 years of age and older. Registration is required. Register online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, January 5 | 5 – 7 PM | Meeting Room

## **GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL FOR TEENS**

Get ready for some silly, dodgeball fun! We're turning out the lights, turning on the black lights, and playing some fast and furious dodgeball with rolls of toilet paper. This program is for tweens and teens 12 to 16 years of age. Registration is required. Register online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, February 23 | 4 – 4:30 PM or 5 – 5:30 PM

## Library Programs

For more programs, check the City of Sierra Vista Library, Recreation, & Cultural Services Facebook page or pick up a monthly calendar at the library. All program locations are at the Sierra Vista Public Library unless otherwise noted.

# Library

## Adult Programs

### It's About the Books

 **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR:**  
*Liz Johnson*

This event is perfect for Anne of Green Gables fans, kindred spirits who have dreamed of visiting the Maritimes, and anyone who loves a sneak peek into what inspires authors. Join Liz Johnson, author of seven novels set on Prince Edward Island and an unofficial islander, as she explores the literary legacy of Canada's smallest province. Through personal photographs and stories, Liz will share how the island and its most famous fictional resident—a red-headed orphan—has impacted the modern literary landscape. The island's unique history and culture have inspired hundreds of books, from contemporary romances to cookbooks to personal growth and devotionals.

Saturday, December 2 | 1–2 PM | Meeting Room

 **AN HOUR TO KILL**  
*Mystery & Crime Book Club*

Swing by with your bagged lunch for a lively discussion on popular mystery titles! This program is a great way to make new friends and engage your brain—if you *dare!* This is a drop-in book club. No sign up required. You can pick up the list of books to be discussed at the library and reserve your copy online at [cochiselibrary.org](http://cochiselibrary.org) or pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

First Friday of the Month | 1–2 PM | Meeting Room



 **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Do you enjoy delving deeply into books and discussing them with others? Then check out our monthly title and talk about it! Book discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and discuss books. No sign up required. You can pick up the list of books to be discussed at the library and reserve your copy online at [cochiselibrary.org](http://cochiselibrary.org) or pick up one of the copies at the circulation desk.

Third Thursday of the Month | 11 AM – NOON | Meeting Room



 **WRITERS CLUB**

Are you an experienced or budding author who would like support? The Club meets to develop a vibrant community of writers and encourages you to share your work. This volunteer-led group aims to help, support, and learn from each other in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Monthly themes covered can range from character development to plot structure and more.

Second & Fourth Wednesdays of the Month | 5–6:30 PM  
Conference Room

 **2024 HISTORY READING CHALLENGE**

Calling all bibliophiles! Are you in a reading rut? Or maybe you love a challenge! If so, join the museum for the 2024 History Reading Challenge. Each month the museum has a prompt to help you explore new areas of reading. Then, every three months there will be a discussion at the library to talk about the books and make recommendations. Participants can pick up a bookmark with all the prompts at the library or the Ethel H. Berger Center. Prompts are also available on the Henry F. Hauser Museum's web page. Let's make 2024 an exciting year of reading!

**JANUARY:** local author or local history  
**FEBRUARY:** biography of a non-American  
**MARCH:** history of a food or object  
**APRIL:** a historical graphic novel  
**MAY:** the arts (musicians, playwright, artist, actor, etc.)  
**JUNE:** the book that has been on your "to be read" list the longest  
**JULY:** book titled after a specific year  
**AUGUST:** historical fiction set in your favorite period of history  
**SEPTEMBER:** indigenous history  
**OCTOBER:** social revolution  
**NOVEMBER:** the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
**DECEMBER:** something you wished you learned about in school

All book discussions will meet in the library meeting room on the following dates.

Thursday | 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
March 14, June 13, September 12 & December 12

### Be Creative & Have Fun at the Library

 **WEAVE IT, STITCH IT, KNIT IT!**

Join us for a relaxing bit of social time while we work on a creative cloth or fabric project. You can bring your own project or work on one we provide. Open to ages 14 and up.

December 11, January 22 & February 26 | 12–1:30 PM | Meeting Room



 **PUZZLE EXCHANGE**

Love doing jigsaw puzzles but need ones new to you? Drop by the library for this fast, free, and furious puzzle trade once a month.

Third Friday of the Month | 3:30–3:45 PM | Meeting Room

 **MOVIE MATINÉE**

Watch indie favorites, major studio releases, and even oldies but goodies—all at the library. Movie matinées are free, and popcorn is available while supplies last. Call the library for a list of upcoming titles or pick up a movie matinée bookmark the next time you stop by.

Second & Fourth Wednesdays of the Month | 1 PM | Meeting Room

 **CHAIR EXERCISES**

Looking for a simple and convenient way to fit in a quick workout? Then grab a seat! Chair exercises allow you to target most of your body—and you don't need a lot of room or time to get it done. Exercises can include stretches, yoga, Pilates and more. Whether you're sitting on a chair or simply holding onto one for support, you can get a lot out of these low-impact exercises.

Thursday Mornings | 9 AM | Meeting Room

# Library

## **SPICE IT UP!** *A Monthly Culinary Experience*

Beginning the first day of the new month, pick up the monthly spice selection at the reference desk, along with a list of suggested recipes for your home kitchen. Use one of the recipes provided, find one online, or use one of the many cookbooks at the library to experience a new culinary flavor. Show up for a discussion at the end of the month to chat about recipes used, celebrations and setbacks encountered, and swap ideas with your fellow budding master chefs. This program is for people 14 years of age and older.

**BAY LEAVES:** January 25 | 4 PM | Meeting Room

**JUNIPER BERRIES:** February 29 | 4 PM | Meeting Room



## **ARIZONA & BEYOND**

A collaboration between the Sierra Vista Public Library and the Henry F. Hauser Museum, Arizona & Beyond is a speaker series that explores various historical and educational topics relating primarily to Arizona while extending past our borders. It's diverse subject matter appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring thoughtful discussion. Join us to explore our state's multi-faceted social, cultural, and environmental landscape and what lies beyond.

### **"D.B. Cooper" with Tom Kaye**

Tuesday, January 2 | 1 PM | Meeting Room

A list of February, March, and April speakers will be available soon at the library.

## **Technology at the Library**

### **DIGITAL LIBRARIAN**

Do you need help downloading an electronic book or audiobook, tips for your tablet, or an in-depth demonstration of how to use the library databases? We are here to help you navigate life's many digital challenges. Please get in touch with Librarian Susan Abend. To make an appointment, call (520) 439-2263 or email [Susan.Aabend@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:Susan.Aabend@SierraVistaAZ.gov).

## **2024 YOUTH COED RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Girls and boys, ages 5 through 15, get ready for a fun season! Registration is open now until November 18 at the Sports Building, located at 3401 E. Fry Boulevard, next to the Rothery Educational Service Center. This is the only location that will accept basketball registrations. Participants will need to try on a jersey or T-shirt to enable staff to order correct sizes. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after November 18. Late registration will end close of business on December 5.

The tip-off for the 2024 Youth Coed Basketball Program is tentatively set for the middle of January. Practices will begin early January 2024. League divisions are determined by participants' ages as of December 31, and through a mandatory skill evaluation for certain age divisions.

All participants in the Bantam, Junior, and Senior divisions must attend the mandatory skills evaluations for their division to be selected or drafted on a team. Slots are limited. Should registration exceed available slots, participants will be placed in the draft based on registration date from earliest to latest. Please call (520) 515-4999 for detailed information.

All skills evaluations take place at the Veterans Sports Complex Gym, located at 3305 E. Fry Boulevard at 6 p.m.

### **DIVISION\* | AGES | FEE | SKILLS EVALUATION**

Pee Wee | 5 & 6 | \$75 | Not required

Mighty Mite | 7 & 8 | \$75 | Not required

Bantam | 9 & 10 | \$85 | Tuesday, December 5

Junior | 11 & 12 | \$85 | Wednesday, December 6

Senior | 13 - 15 | \$85 | Thursday, December 7

*\*Divisions might change due to enrollment numbers.*

## **Youth Basketball Coaches Needed**

Are you interested in coaching in the 2024 Coed Youth Basketball Program? The Sports Division is looking for more than a few good men and women volunteers (18 and older) who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills, and abilities to community youth, ages 5 - 15.

Volunteer applications are available at all Leisure Activities facilities or at [SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://SierraVistaAZ.gov). Please submit volunteer applications directly to the Sports Division at 3401 E. Fry Blvd. by close of business December 1. Applications will be reviewed, and team slots assigned based on need as determined by participant enrollment. Please call (520) 515-4999 for more information.

# Sports

## **SPRING PEE WEE SPORTS CAMP**

This recreational camp offers participants ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and help prepare them with tools they need for fun and successful experiences organized sports. The program builds confidence and self-esteem during impressionable years, when children need it most. Parents are encouraged to get involved in all features of the camp. Featured sports include softball/baseball, basketball, and soccer. Location is to be determined. Register at the City of Sierra Vista Sports Division. Call (520) 515-4999 for additional information.

Saturdays, March 23 - April 27 | 8 - 9 AM

\$50 per child by March 15 (\$60 after) | Registration closes March 24

## **BASIC ARCHERY**

Learn the fundamentals of archery and become a better archer with USA Archery Level 3 National Training System (NTS) coach Matthew Irlmeier and his team of certified instructors. Participants learn correct form and technique, the different aspects of bows and arrows, how to use the equipment safely, and fundamentals like aiming, release, shot sequence, and more. Equipment is supplied or participants may bring their own. Family enrollment is encouraged; archery is a wonderful family activity. The class is open to beginners and current archers ages 10 and older. Please show up 15 minutes early to your first class for equipment fitting.

SESSION 1: Saturdays, February 10 - March 16 | 9 - 10 AM

SESSION 2: Saturdays, April 6 - May 11 | 9 - 10 AM

Brown Field | \$55 per person (ages 10+), per session

## **ADVANCED ARCHERY**

This archery class is for students who have completed the basic archery course or for experienced archers. USA Archery Level 3 National Training System (NTS) coach Matthew Irlmeier and his team of certified instructors will help individuals build on fundamental skills as well as introduce advanced archery techniques. The course also covers what to expect when competing in local, state and national competitions. Equipment is supplied or participants may bring their own. Family enrollment is encouraged. Ages 10 to adult.

SESSION 1: Saturdays, February 10 - March 16 | 10 - 11 AM

SESSION 2: Saturdays, April 6 - May 11 | 10 - 11 AM

Brown Field | \$55 per person (ages 10+), per session

# Uncommon Recreation

## Art Studio

The Sierra Vista Art Studio is an open studio for creative projects ranging from sculpting, painting, crafts, and anything else you can dream up! The studio is self-directed, though questions will be gladly addressed. The studio provides some shared tools, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. It's a great place to explore artistic mediums and make some friends! For questions or more information email [LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov) or call (520) 458-7922.

### Open Studio Hours

Tuesday | 10 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesday & Thursday | 1 – 8 PM  
Friday | 10 AM – 5 PM  
Saturday | 10 AM – 4 PM

### Fees

ART STUDIO DAY PASS: \$4  
ART STUDIO 10-VISIT PASS (valid for one year): \$40  
MONTHLY PASS (unlimited for only one person): \$55 per month  
25 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$23  
5 LBS. OF CLAY (Speckled Buff, Dover White, or B-mix): \$5  
1 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$4  
5 OZ. MAYCO STROKE & COAT: \$8  
LOCKER RENTAL: \$10 per month  
PLAY WITH CLAY (includes 1 lb. of clay & two visits to the studio): \$12



### GLAZE-A-PIECE

Glaze your choice of available bowls, mugs, or figurines and we'll fire it! Available during open studio hours.

FEE: \$10 per piece

### FEATURED PROJECTS

Featured projects are great for kids as well as adults who would like to make a ceramic project but don't have any experience. The projects change every month and include a pound of clay, two visits to the studio (one to make and one to glaze) as well as instructions to complete your project.

NOVEMBER: Slab Built Christmas Tree  
DECEMBER: Snowflake Hot Plate  
JANUARY: Heart Plate  
FEBRUARY: Egg Cup  
During open studio hours | \$12 per project

### ORNAMENT GLAZE NIGHTS

Join us for an evening of creative holiday cheer! Participants will receive a set of cookie-cutter Christmas tree ornaments to glaze with a variety of colors to make them uniquely your own. Register by calling (520) 458-7922 or visiting [WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://WebTrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

ART AFTER HOURS (ages 16+): Friday, December 8 | 5:30 – 7 PM  
Enjoy light refreshments | \$20 per person

ORNAMENTS & COCOA (all ages): Saturday, December 9 | 4:30 – 6 PM  
Enjoy a steamy cup of cocoa | \$15 per person

### CENTERING TO CYLINDERS CLASS

During this three-week course, participants learn the basics of making and trimming forms like cylinders, bowls, and plates on a potter's wheel. The program includes 18 hours of instruction by local potter Kasia Russell and a 25-pound bag of clay. Available to participants 18 years or older. Space is limited. For more information please call (520) 458-7922 or email [LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov](mailto:LeisureServices@SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Mondays & Tuesdays, January 22 – February 6 | 5 – 8 PM  
\$175 per person

### SPEEDBALL ARTISTA TABLETOP POTTERY WHEEL RENTAL

Practice wheel throwing and explore this creative form for the comfort of your own home! The Speedball Artista tabletop pottery wheel includes bats, tools, and a tarp, and is available for weekend or one-week rentals. Clay must be purchased separately.

ONE-WEEK RENTAL (Monday – Monday): \$50  
WEEKEND RENTAL (Friday – Monday): \$30

### KILN SPACE RENTAL

Bring your made-at-home pieces to be fired in our community kiln. All pieces, clay, and glaze must be approved by Art Studio staff prior to firing.

ONE SMALL ITEM (about the size of a mug): Bisque \$3 | Glaze \$6  
HALF SHELF: Bisque \$9 | Glaze \$12  
FULL SHELF (up to 6 inches tall): Bisque \$12 | Glaze \$15  
HALF KILN: Bisque \$24 | Glaze \$27  
FULL KILN: Bisque \$48 | Glaze \$51

### GLAZE-A-PIECE PARTY

Have a birthday or other special event to celebrate? The art studio offers private Glaze-a-Piece Parties. Parties include a private room, bisque pieces, and glaze, and can be booked during any open studio hours.

2 HOUR ROOM RENTAL: \$60  
ADDITIONAL HOURS: \$20 an hour  
DISCOUNTED BISQUE PIECES: \$8 a piece



## Sparks Recreation Program

Sparks is group-based recreation program featuring on-site activities such as arts & crafts, games, and sports outside of school hours. For children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grades for 2023–2024 school year.

### WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE & OPTIONS

Weekdays | December 20 – 29 (no program December 25)  
6:40 AM – 5:30 PM | Sports Division | 3401 E. Fry Boulevard  
1 day \$30 | 2 days \$60 | 3 days \$85 | 4 days \$100

Program attendance fees can be paid with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover online, by phone, or in person at the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC). Cash and checks are also accepted at the OYCC. A registration form will be required for children that are not currently registered for the Sparks Program. Program fees for the week must be paid prior to attendance. Spaces are limited, pay early to secure your spot.

Parents, please note that there will be no on-site registration. Register at the OYCC or over the phone. For more information, call (520) 458-7922.

# Uncommon Recreation

## Leisure Classes

### T'AI CHI CHIH

T'ai Chi Chih is a set of movements completely focused on the development of an intrinsic energy called Chi. It's easy to learn and may promote peace of mind, improve health, and increase joy. It consists of 19 movements and 1 pose and does not require a particular level of physical fitness or coordination. Movements may be done standing or sitting and no special clothing or equipment is required. The class is taught by certified T'ai Chi Chih instructor Colleen Knight. Register in person at the EBC or visit [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

#### Beginners Class

Thursday | 9 – 10:30 AM or 5:30 – 7 PM

January 4 – February 22 | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC) | \$80 per person

#### Intermediate Class\*

Wednesday | 5:30 – 7 PM

January 3 – February 7 | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC) | \$60 per person

\*The intermediate class is offered to students who have already completed the eight-week beginners T'ai Chi Chih class. The class will focus on deepening their T'ai Chi Chih practice, while highlighting the subtle corrections needed by serious students.

### FIT & FABULOUS

Looking for a new way to improve the quality of your life? This fun and engaging class, taught by a certified Senior Exercise instructor and Army veteran, will help you maintain your strength, fitness, and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water – we will provide the equipment you may need.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 9 – 10 AM or 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

December 1 – 29 (no class December 25)

January 2 – 31 (no classes January 9 & 15)

February 2 – 28 (no class February 19)

Ethel H. Berger Center | \$37 per person (per month)



**The Cove**  
**Winter Closure**  
**NOW THROUGH MID-JANUARY**  
The Cove is currently closed for general maintenance and is expected to reopen sometime in January 2024. For the latest updates, follow the City's Facebook page or subscribe to the City's email newsletter at [SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://SierraVistaAZ.gov).



### ROCK PHOTO HOLDERS

Join us to personalize a fun holiday keepsake. Design your painted rock, add shaped wire, and adorn it with your chosen beads. Top off the finished product with your best holiday photo for the perfect gift. This program is open to participants 6 years of age or older. Register by calling the Oscar Yrun Community Center (OYCC) at (520) 458-7922 or by visiting [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Friday, December 15 | 6 – 7 PM | OYCC | \$10 per person

### TRINKET TRAYS WITH ALCOHOL INKS

Create your own set of trinket trays using alcohol inks—a vibrant and easy-to-use artform. We will provide all supplies needed. This program is open to people 16 years of age or older. Register at the OYCC, by calling (520) 458-7922, or go to [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, January 6 | 10 – 11 AM | OYCC | \$20 per person

### PAINTED WINE BOTTLES WITH LIGHTS

Upcycle old wine bottles into beautiful works of art and display with twinkly lights for a dazzling effect! All materials needed will be provided. This program is open to participants 16 years of age or older. Sign up at the OYCC, by calling (520) 458-7922, or online at [Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://Webtrac.SierraVistaAZ.gov).

Saturday, January 27 | 10 – 11 AM | OYCC | \$20 per person

## Arts & Crafts

### CRAFT LADIES

Fridays | 1 – 3 PM | Ethel H. Berger Center (EBC)

### YARN BABES

Mondays & Wednesdays | 1 – 3 PM | EBC

### WOODCARVERS

Wednesdays & Fridays | 1 – 3 PM | EBC



## Games

### BILLIARDS FOR LADIES

Fridays | 10 AM – Noon | EBC Lounge

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mondays | Noon – 4 PM | EBC

### TEXAS CANASTA

Second & Fourth Tuesdays | 1 – 3:30 PM | EBC

### PARTY BRIDGE

Wednesdays | 1 – 4 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

### DOUBLE-DECK PINOCHLE

Wednesdays | 2 – 4:30 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

### TABLE TENNIS

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9 AM – 3 PM | Sierra Vista Sports Division

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