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FREE GAMES AND SPORTS OFFERED AT CITY PARKS THROUGH REC ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Drop-in activities conveniently offered throughout city parks

GLENDALE, AZ: The weather is perfect for children to head outside to play sports and games while socializing with their peers through the city of Glendale's REC on Wheels program. The main purpose of REC on Wheels is to engage children in play to boost their health and wellness through safe physical activity that also keeps their minds active.

With this **FREE** program, Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department staff brings chess sets, LEGO tables with building blocks, flag football equipment, cornhole sets, baseball bases, basketballs, soccer nets and other playful gear to parks that are a short walk or drive from many local schools. Children can also play large Connect 4 and Jenga games in the parks.

Children can walk to the parks after school, or their parents can drop them off and/or pick them up at the REC on Wheels sites. This is a drop-off program, where participants can play and leave as they like, but parents should stay at the site with their children if their little ones are ages 5 and younger. Some REC on Wheels programs start in the morning, making them ideal for children who are homeschooled or those looking for activities on days off from school.

"REC on Wheels is a great opportunity to bring programming to our residents, so they have the opportunity to enjoy programs and our beautiful parks," said Dean Kinnoin, Recreation Supervisor for the city of Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department. "We focus on parks that are near elementary schools."

REC on Wheels will visit the following parks in April:

- April 1: Cholla Park, 53rd Avenue and Cholla Street, 3 to 5 p.m.
- April 2: Heritage Park, 55th Avenue and Mountain View Road, 1 to 3 p.m.
- April 8: Desert Mirage Park, 87th and Maryland avenues, 2 to 4 p.m.
- April 9: Horizon Park, 47th and Diana avenues, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 10: Chapparal Park, 57th Avenue & Greenbriar Drive, 3 to 5 p.m.
- April 15: Cholla Park, 53rd Avenue and Cholla Street, 3 to 5 p.m.
- April 16: Heritage Park, 55th Avenue and Mountain View Road, 1 to 3 p.m.
- April 23: Horizon Park, 47th and Diana avenues, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 24: Chapparal Park, 57th Avenue & Greenbriar Drive, 3 to 5 p.m.
- April 29: Desert Mirage Park, 87th and Maryland avenues, 2 to 4 p.m.
- April 30: Heritage Park, 55th Avenue and Mountain View Road, 1 to 3 p.m.

Another fun way for children and their families to enjoy the great weather is by attending a **FREE** Movie in the Park starting at 7 p.m. on April 18 at Chapparal Park. The movie "The Sandlot," a comedy about young baseball players in 1962 Los Angeles, will be shown. Attendees should bring chairs and/or blankets to watch the movie.

To learn more about REC on Wheels, visit REC on Wheels - City of Glendale

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