



The 10 Best After School Programs in Arizona!

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After school programs in Arizona give children and teens much more than just something to do after school. They can learn life skills, participate in physical activities, make friends, and so much more. Enrich your children's lives with one of the best after school programs in the state. Here are our picks for the top 10.

1. LEAP After-School Program, Tempe, AZ

Tempe's LEAP after-school program caters to middle and high-school students who have developmental and intellectual disabilities. At LEAP, students socialize, learn life skills, and participate in other activities like arts and crafts, technology, and more. With a 1:4 ratio of staff to students, the LEAP program ensures that students receive adequate attention from staff.

2. After-School Program, Scottsdale, AZ

Children from kindergarten to eighth grade may participate in Scottsdale's after-school program, so long as they attend a school in the district. Recreation leaders conduct daily activities like gardening, nutrition, sports, fitness, and games, arts and crafts, drama, and more. Homework help is also available, and special events and guest speakers occur on a regular basis.

3. Tucson YMCA Before & After School Program, Multiple locations

The Tucson YMCA partners with several YMCAs and youth center to provide students of all ages with care before and after school. Programs appeal to students while boosting their confidence, encouraging self-expression, and enriching social development—"all under the watchful eyes of caring staff," according to the website.

4. Valley Child Care Before & After School Care, Multiple locations

At Valley Child Care & Learning Centers, providing high-quality care is the top priority. K-8 children participate in a wide variety of activities, from outdoor play time to group story time to hands-on craft & science experiments, to name a few. Whether you have an early morning appointment or need to finish up a project at work, your child will be cared for, entertained, and nourished here.

5. Phoenix Children's Academy Before and After School Care, Multiple locations

PCA believes that helping your child develop requires a partnership. That's why parents of children enrolled in both before and after school care programs receive a daily individual or class report. At PCA, your children from ages 5-12 receive complete support, and you'll be fully informed of their progress the entire way.

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6. Valley of the Sun JCC, Club J, Scottsdale, AZ

For children in grades K-5, Club J is the place to be. In addition to high-quality enrichment classes in art, cooking, and other areas, sports programs, and homework help, Club J offers children a safe space where they can unwind after school. When school's out, Club J is the place to be.

7. ICAN After School Program, Chandler, AZ

According to its website, ICAN welcomes 250 children to its after-school program every day. Here, the primary focus is on building character and strengthening life skills in the following areas: Youth Development, Education, Healthy Lifestyles, and Job Skills, but there's plenty of fun to be had, too.



8. Champions After-School Program, Multiple locations

Children in grades K-6 develop skills, explore interests, learn, and grow in the after-school program at Champions. They develop healthy bodies, learn about proper nutrition, receive homework help, and explore various areas of interest such as Creative Arts, Science, and Library. Keep your child interested in learning by giving them choices that only Champions can provide.

9. Right Track After School Program, Phoenix, AZ

The Right Track after-school program provides children between the ages of five and 13 with a safe, supervised environment. Those enrolled in the program receive assistance with their homework, recreation time, education on drug and violence prevention, snacks, and a home-cooked dinner.

10. ARCHKids After-School Program, Phoenix, AZ

Per the ARCH website, the ARCHKids after-school program aims to provide students in the special needs community with "an array of therapeutic and recreational activities, training in independent living, social skills development, personal problem solving and homework assistance." Program participants are supervised by trained staff in a safe environment. Snacks are served daily.