# Valley Events

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# HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

Apr. 1: April Fool's Day

Apr. 15: Tax Day

Apr. 22: Earth Day

**Apr. 26:** Arbor Day

#### HISTORICAL ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 15, 1924 *(100 yrs):* Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) studios is founded.

Apr. 4, 1949 *(75 yrs)*: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is

Apr. 12, 1964 (60 yrs):
Actor Sidney Poitier becomes
the first African American to
win an Academy Award for
Best Actor, for his role in the
film "Lilies of the Field."

Apr. 21, 1994 *(30 yrs)*:
Astronomer Alexander
Wolszczan discovers the first
exoplanets (planets outside
our solar system).

Apr. 30, 2004 (20 yrs): The Sasser computer worm is released, infecting hundreds of thousands of computers running Windows XP and 2000 worldwide.

## SOUTHEAST VALLEY

#### The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Mesa Community College (Dobson) | Mesa | 4.3 - 4.5 | Time and price vary Mesa Community College's Performing Arts Center is proud to present the captivating classic of Quasimodo in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"! This thrilling adaption of love, betrayal, and redemption is one for all ages. For tickets and dates, please visit mesacc.edu.



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#### Global Village Festival

Gilbert Civic Center | Gilbert | 4.6 | 9am | Free Head over to Gilbert's Civic Center this month for the annual Gilbert Global Village Festival! This event is free for all ages and celebrates the rich, cultural diversity of the Gilbert community! There will be food, interactive learning, shops and more! See more at gilbertaz.gov.

#### The Kite Runner

ASU Gammage | Tempe | 4.9 - 4.15 | Time and price vary

The Kite Runner is an engrossing account of friendship and forgiveness, sharing the tale of two childhood friends who get separated during a kite flying tournament in Afghanistan. The story enfolds over two continents and over two decades. Tickets at <a href="mailto:assugammage.com">assugammage.com</a>.





#### FRIED: French Fry & Music Festival

Margaret T. Hance Park | Phoenix | 4.20 | 11am - 7pm | \$16

America's favorite crispy side dish is going wild at Phoenix's Margaret T. Hance park! This month, get FRIED with a day filled with local music, excitement, and the wackiest (and tastiest) French fries you have ever seen! Tickets available online at friedfestival.com.

#### Earth Day Celebration Chandler Nature Center | Chandler | 4.20 | 9am - 12pm | Free

Come and celebrate Mother Earth at Chandler's Nature Center for Earth Day 2024! Explore eco-friendly living through crafts, activities, and more! Learn about what truly makes our green planet so special in an afternoon perfect for the whole family. More at chandleraz.gov.





#### You're Bacon Me Crazy Brunch Crawl

SanTan Brewing Company | Chandler | 4.20 | 9am / 10:30am - 2pm | \$20+

Indulge in a flavorful adventure at this year's annual "You're Bacon Me Crazy" Brunch Crawl! Take your friends or family and stroll through downtown Chandler sampling small bites, drinks, and many delicious brunch specials! See more at downtownchandler.org.

#### The Roaring 20's Piano Recital 2024

New Hope Community Church | Chandler | 4.21 | 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Immerse yourself in the glitz and glamour of the 1920's at this months "Roaring 20's Piano Recital 2024"! This show will take you back in time with melodious tunes and toe-tapping rhythms, with performers wearing dazzling erainspired outfits! The party kicks off at Chandler's New Hope Community Church. We hope to see you there!

#### SCOTTSDALE



#### Arizona Bike Week 2024

WestWorld | 4.3 - 4.7 | Time and price vary

The adrenaline-filled Scottsdale Bike Week is revving up this April! All week long, enjoy nightly concerts, heart-pounding wheeled adventures, bike shows, and gravity defying stunts! Put some thrill into your calendar and join the ride of a lifetime! Details at azbikeweek.com.

#### Adventure Van Expo

WestWorld | 4.13 - 4.14 | 10am - 3pm | \$0+

Looking to plan a road trip this summer? There is no better way to do it than getting a camper or an RV to house the entire family! This month, head to Scottsdale's WestWorld for the annual Adventure Van Expo to get some inspiration! Tickets at <u>adventurevanexpo.com</u>.

#### Scottsdale Jazz Festival 2024

Scottsdale Civic Center | 4.27 | 3pm - 10:30pm | \$50

Scottsdale's famous Jazz Festival is coming to town! This musical event, hosted at Scottsdale's own Civic Center, will feature a packed roster of master jazz, soul and funk musicians from around the world ready to shake the whole house down! Visit scottsdalejazzfest.org for more.



#### Cactus Man Triathlon 2024

Tempe Arts Park | Tempe | 4.28 | 6:30am | \$125+

Are you prepared to take on the Cactus Man Triathlon challenge this April? Get the body pumping and head out to Tempe Arts Park, where the race will begin. Athletes will complete a 850 meter swim, a 10 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile sprint to take home the gold. There are plenty of other competitions available too, but are you brave enough? Sign up for your spot at 4peaksracing.com!

#### WEST VALLEY



#### Soulful Sounds Festival

State Farm Stadium | Glendale | 4.8 | 10am | \$50+

Be mesmerized by beautiful music at the Soulful Sounds Festival in Glendale! From soul to jazz, R&B to gospel, you will get to hear a range of diverse talent lighting up the great walls of the State Farm Stadium! Groove and embrace the magic and get tickets at <u>eventbrite.com</u>.

#### FOODSTOCK 2024

Peoria Sports Complex | Peoria | 4.15 | 4pm | \$5+

Foodies listen up! Arizona's FOODSTOCK is returning to Peoria, and the roster is larger than ever! This festival is a food lovers paradise, with over 50 food trucks hitting the scene - each with a unique cuisine! Scope out the entire listings by visiting getlocalarizonaevents.com today!



## The Arizona Super Show 2024

State Farm Stadium | Glendale | 4.20 | 11am | \$59

Do not miss your chance to catch the Arizona Super Show at Glendale's State Farm Stadium! Witness the finest custom and classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more! This car show celebrates the best in American car culture, with exhibitions and live musical performances all day long! Tickets available at <a href="statefarmstadium.com">statefarmstadium.com</a>.