## **NEAFCS Network Newsletter: June 2024**



## Under One Sky: Exploring Tucson's Nighttime Wonders and Daytime Delights

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Drawing inspiration from our theme, "Under One Sky," we've curated a selection of Tucson-area stargazing activities that promise to awe and inspire.

- <u>Kitt Peak National Observatory</u>: Perched atop the rugged peaks of the Quinlan Mountains, the observatory stands as a beacon of astronomical discovery.
- Gates Pass: Nestled within Tucson Mountain Park, Gates Pass offers panoramic views of the city below and an unobstructed vista of the night sky above.
- <u>Mount Lemmon SkyCenter</u>: Journey to the summit of Mount Lemmon, where visitors can embark on an immersive stargazing adventure led by expert astronomers.

While Tucson's skies offer mesmerizing stargazing opportunities, let's not forget that the city's nightlife offers a diverse array of activities to complement your adventures under one sky:

- <u>Fourth Avenue</u>: Explore the vibrant atmosphere of historic Fourth Avenue, where you'll find eclectic boutiques, lively bars, and live music venues.
- **Gaslight Theatre:** Step back in time and enjoy an evening of live entertainment with a retro twist. Experience the nostalgia of classic melodramas, musical revues, and comedy shows, complete with audience participation and sing-alongs.
- <u>Downtown Dining</u>: Indulge in a culinary adventure in downtown Tucson, where you'll
  find an array of restaurants, cafes, and eateries serving up delicious cuisine from around
  the world.

During the day, while you're engrossed in the conference sessions, consider suggesting to your families the following activities to enjoy in Tucson:

- Reid Park Zoo: Explore the wonders of wildlife at Reid Park Zoo, where families can encounter a diverse array of animals from around the world.
- <u>Children's Museum Tucson</u>: Ignite curiosity and creativity, featuring interactive exhibits and hands-on activities focused on science, art, and culture.
- <u>Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum</u>: Discover the beauty and diversity of the Sonoran Desert at this museum, where families can explore indoor and outdoor exhibits showcasing desert plants, animals, and ecosystems.
- <u>Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures</u>: Step into a world of wonder. featuring an extensive collection of miniature houses, room boxes, and vignettes.

<u>Visit Tucson</u> is an informative resource for activities, food and places to explore in and around Tucson: <a href="https://www.visittucson.org/">https://www.visittucson.org/</a>



