

The **Big 5** *Details on five local events designed to delight you. So, go already, will ya?*

War dead to be honored locally

Memorial Day event at Fountain Park

Fountain Hills' residents can pay their respects to those soldiers who gave their lives in time of war at a special Memorial Day ceremony May 26 at Fountain Park.

The ceremony begins at 9 a.m. with the VFW Color Guard and Taps played by Debbie Fisher.

John Kavanagh, Arizona State Rep., will be the keynote

speaker, with additional comments made by Fountain Hills Mayor Wally Nichols.

History

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day

should be observed on May 30.

It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

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Come to your senses



- See arts and crafts from dozens of vendors at the 28th Annual Pine-Strawberry Arts and Crafts Festival May 24-25.
- Taste the delectable delights of these tiny lobster-like crustaceans, as Camp Verde celebrates its annual Crawdad Festival June 6-7.
- Smell the interesting aromas of the zoo at night as Starry Safari kicks off June 6 for a summer-long adventure each Friday.
- Hear the somber melody of Taps as it's played during the Fountain Hills Memorial Day remembrance in Fountain Park at 9 a.m. May 26.
- Feel the freshly polished hot rods and other classic cars all part of the fifth annual Show Low Days and Still Cruisin' Car Show June 6-8.



And at 3 p.m. Memorial Day, pause for the National Moment of Remembrance to recognize their sacrifice.



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Show Low gears up for cruisin', fun June 6-8

The fifth Annual Show Low Days is June 6-8 at Show Low City Park.

The event includes the Show Low Days "Still Cruisin" Car Show with 30 Classes with awards for first and second in each class. There are also seven special cash awards.

Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. is the Burger Burn and 7 to 9 p.m. is an ice cream social. The kick-off event is at Torreon.

Saturday the Car Show

runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Poker Walk is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Sunday there's a Show 'N' Shine from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and awards at noon.

There will be a live DJ playing the Oldies all weekend, an arts and crafts fair, vendors and food booths.

For more information contact the Show Low Chamber of Commerce at (928) 537-2326 or visit www.showlowchamberofcommerce.com.

Cool off with night time safari at zoo

Get out of the heat and into the wild each Friday starting June 6 with Starry Safari.

Cool Friday night fun for the whole family will run 6-9 p.m. June 6 to Aug. 8 and will include water play, animal presentations, Zoo rides including the Safari Train, camel and the Endangered Species Carousel.* Plus, Radio Disney will be at Starry Safari June 13 and July 18.

Some of the Zoo's animals will be resting in the evenings, so not all Zoo trails will be open.

Still, some of people's favorites will be waiting for a visit including Monkey Village, giraffe, watusi, zebra, flamingo, otter and the orangutans. Monkey Village and the orangutans will be visible only till dusk but the Arizona Trail will be open all evening.

Ongoing Activities:
 • Leapin' Lagoon spray ground

- 18- and 16-foot water slides
- 45-foot long Slip N Slide
- Inflatable Bungee Run
- Animal presentations
- Animal trail talks
- Plus a different feature each Friday such as live entertainment, Karaoke, etc.

Encounter Schedule

- 6:15 p.m. - Elephant Talk
- 6:30 p.m. - Orangutan Talk
- 6:45 p.m. - Monkey Village Talk
- 7 p.m. - Otter Talk
- 7:15 p.m. - Zebra Feeding
- 7:30 p.m. - Coati Feeding
- 7:45 p.m. - Javelina Feeding
- 8 p.m. - Coyote Feeding

*Admission is only \$4 for all ages and \$3 for Phoenix Zoo members. *Fees apply*

Camp Cajun

Crawdad festival brings New Orleans to Camp Verde

Steaming crawdads, alligator on the stick and live fast-tempo music and traditional blends are all part of the fun at this year's Crawdad Festival.

The 7th Annual Arizona Crawdad Festival will also include crawdad eating contests, crawdad races, kid's carnival, root beer and beer gardens and live Cajun music.

Located in downtown Camp Verde in the geographic center of Arizona, this New Orleans-

style Cajun affair takes place Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 5-11 p.m., near the Town's gazebo.

Camp Verde is home to the Verde River, and like many Arizona streams, this beautiful water course touts a large population of crawdads, inspiration to this Cajun late spring event.

Enjoy hot crawdads served with red taters and sweet corn, savory alligator treats, burgers on the grill, and craft vendors.

There will be great family amusement-type activities for the kids including a Clown Slide, Castle Bounce, Castle Maze, and Four-in-One, all

for the price of a \$5 wristband. There's cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones too.

As for the grown-ups, they can enjoy adult beverages

available in a beer garden.

For more information call (928) 567-9294 or visit www.visitcampverde.com.

Arts, crafts in fresh Pine air May 24-25

The 28th Annual Pine-Strawberry Arts and Crafts Festival will feature more than 67 booths May 24-25 at the Pine Community Center.

Festivities start at 8 a.m. both days with vendors selling food as well as arts and crafts.

Proceeds from the rental of vendor booths will go to area non-profits.

Last year more than \$8,000 was distributed to non-profits.

The arts and crafts festival is located just off Highway 87 in Pine, 13 miles north of Pay-

son. For more information call (928) 476-4480.

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To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The commission's charter is to "encourage the people

of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

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