



## Prescott 2023 Spring Special Events

With the picturesque backdrops of the Yavapai County Courthouse and the stunning views of Watson Lake, it's no surprise that special events in Prescott are a common scene throughout the year. With that said, each and every one of these events brings economic impact via hotel stays, sales tax revenue and new visitors to the Prescott and Quad City area. Whether your hobbies are art, cars, music or beer, Prescott offers a variety of events from April through December. While all of the events are held in Prescott, the City of Prescott, all events, with the exception of the Veterans Day Parade, are run by outside organizations and groups. The City works with event promoters to ensure the success and safety of each and every event. If you would like to hold an event or for more information on special events, please contact Michelle at (928) 777-1552 or via email at: [michelle.stacey-schroeder@prescott.az.gov](mailto:michelle.stacey-schroeder@prescott.az.gov)

*(Contributor: Michelle Stacey-Schroeder)*



Many of Prescott's special events are held at the Courthouse Plaza. For many, musical events, such as the annual Prescott Bluegrass Festival. Many visitors spend their time at these events by picnicking and lounging on blankets or lawn chairs under the trees.

Summer and Fall events will be listed in future newsletters.

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Date	Event	Location	Website
Apr. 1	Special Olympics BEARCAT Pull	Goodwin Street	
Apr. 9	Heights Church Easter Service	Watson Lake	<a href="http://heightschurch.com">heightschurch.com</a>
May 6	Cruise to the Pines Car Show	Watson Lake	<a href="http://cruisetothePines.com">cruisetothePines.com</a>
May 13-14	MAG Mother's Day Fine Art Festival	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://mountainartists.org">mountainartists.org</a>
May 20	Pure Imagination Music Festival	Watson Lake	<a href="http://furtherwest.com">furtherwest.com</a>
May 27-29	Off Street Festival Arts & Craft Show	117 W. Goodwin	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>
May 27-29	Phippen Western Art Show & Sale	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://hippenartmuseum.org">hippenartmuseum.org</a>
June 3	Party in the Pines Beer & Music Fest	Mile High Middle School	<a href="http://partyinthepinesprescott.com">partyinthepinesprescott.com</a>
June 10-11	Territorial Days Arts & Craft Show	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>
June 10	21st Century Car Show	Whiskey Row	<a href="http://21stcenturycarshow.org">21stcenturycarshow.org</a>
June 17	Whiskey Row Brewfest	Mile High Middle School	<a href="http://prescott.events">prescott.events</a>
June 23-25	Prescott Bluegrass Festival	Goodwin Street	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>
Jun 28-Jul 4	World's Oldest Rodeo	Rodeo Grounds	<a href="http://worldsoldestrodeo.com">worldsoldestrodeo.com</a>
Jun 29-Jul 1	Rodeo Dance	Depot Market-place	<a href="http://worldsoldestrodeo.com">worldsoldestrodeo.com</a>
June 30	Kiwanis Kiddie Parade	Cortez Street	<a href="http://prescottkiwanis.com">prescottkiwanis.com</a>

# Sports Page

## Back In Full Swing In 2022 Looking Forward To An Even Better 2023

The Sports division of the Prescott Parks and Recreation Department was in full swing last year and it looks like it is only up from here! Still emerging from the effects of Covid, 2022 saw all five seasons of sport return to Prescott for the first time since before the pandemic started. We also had a full calendar of tournaments and events that took place throughout the summer. Due to a very active monsoon season some of those events were unfortunately cancelled but many more were graced with great weather and produced some great tournaments for youth and adults alike. 22 tournaments were scheduled for 2022 and 18 of those dodged the monsoons and provided fun opportunities for all the teams that came to town to compete. The tournaments combined with other events like the Cocadona 250 run, The Whiskey Row Marathon and the Whiskey Off Road Mountain Bike Event (to name a few) go a long way in supporting our community and keep Prescott thriving. The estimated economic impact from these tournaments and events was over \$5,762,963.00 in 2022.

2023 looks to be even better (fingers crossed-weather permitting) with even more tournaments lined up for the spring, summer and fall months. We already have 24 tournaments scheduled for 2023 which include some new organizations that I am sure will provide a positive and fun experience for youths here in town and for those travelling to play here in Prescott. Almost every weekend from, March 18<sup>th</sup> until Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, Prescott will have a tournament or event happening in town. During this time we will continue to serve our community by providing sports opportunities for our adults to get out and have fun with their friends while staying healthy. We will offer our volleyball, basketball and softball programs throughout the year to provide a way for our community to nourish their mind, body and soul through exercise, friendly competition and shared experiences with their friends and others in the community. I am excited to see what 2023 has in store and how we can continue to improve and serve our community in the best way possible.

In closing, all this is made possible by the great team that is Recreation Services. Our fantastic field crew is both diligent and efficient and play a huge role in providing optimal experiences for everyone who comes to town to participate in or watch our many tournaments and league games. For me it has truly been an honor to join this team and watch them support each other in the pursuit of serving our community in the best way possible. With the team we have, I am sure 2023 will be another great year for sports and events here in Prescott.

(Contributor: Ryan Harlow)



Youth Sports and Tournaments (Above photo, courtesy of Prescott AYSO soccer)  
Adult Sports and Tournaments, 50+ Men's Softball (Below photo, file photo)



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Our calendar of sporting events is available  
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## 2023 Calendar of Sporting Events

Date	Event	Contact	Sites
March 31 - April 2	Yavapai Soccer Cup Boys (Youth Event)	Yavapai Soccer League	PP/HP/Kuebler/KL
May 6-7	AZ/SSUSA Ernie Jones Memorial Cool Country Classic I	Rick Seifman	Pioneer 4 Plex/Kuebler
May 13-14	Triple Crown Youth Baseball Tournament (Youth Event)	Conrad Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/Kuebler/Ziegler
May 19/20	Prescott Pickle Ball Association Member Mashup Tournament	Doug Seefeld/PPA	Pickle Ball Courts
May 20/21	AFA Girls Fastpitch Tournament—National Qualifer	Stacey Stepek	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
May 26-29	Baseball Showcase Tournament (Youth Event)	Kyle Rogers	Pioneer/Kuebler/Ziegler
June 3/4	Triple Crown Youth Baseball/Softball Tournament	Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/Heritage/KUB/Ziegler/BV
June 9/10/11	USA Softball/Alliance Fast Pitch Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Alfredo Nunez	Pioneer/Heritage
June 17/18	ISA/SSUSA Cool Country Classic II Softball Tournament	Leon Rodriguez/Seifman	Pioneer/Heritage #1
June 24/25	Chuck, Kathy & Ben Jones Co-Rec Softball Tournament	Kathy Jones/Spring Jones	Pioneer Park
July 8/9	AFA Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Stacey Stepek	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
July 9-12	Nike Baseball Camp	Mike DuServille	Kuebler/Ziegler Fields
July 15/16	ISA/SSUSA Cool Country Classic III Softball Tournament	Leon Rodriguez/Seifman	Pioneer/Heritage #1
July 22/23	AWS Men's Senior Slow Pitch Tournament	JP Morgan	Pioneer/Heritage Park #1
July 28/29/30	AFA Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Stacey Stepek	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
Aug 4-6	Women's Senior Summer Softball Smash	Michelle Stacey-Schroeder	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
Aug 12/13	AZ/SSUSA Last Chance World Qualifier Cool Country Classic IV	Rick Seifman	Pioneer 4 Plex/Kuebl
Aug 19	Alliance Youth Football Jamoree	Jake Hanna	Pioneer 4 Plex
Aug 26/27	USA Softball/Alliance Fast Pitch Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Alfredo Nunez	Pioneer/Heritage
Sep 1-4	Triple Crown Youth Baseball Tournament (Youth Event)	Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/KUB/Ziegler/WCF
Sep 9	AYSO Soccer Games Begin (Saturdays Sep 12-Nov 18)	Brad Leach	Pioneer
Sep 22-24	Granite Mountain Games Pickle Ball Tournament	Doug Seefeld/PPA	Pickle Ball Courts
Oct 7	Kitchen Fire Classic (Prescott Firefighters Charities Pickleball Event)	Josh Krueger	Pickle Ball Courts
Oct 14	Over-The-Line Tournament	Pat McCabe	Heritage Park
Oct 14/15	NAFA Men's Wooden Bat National Championship	Cam Schiller	Pioneer Park
Oct 21/22	AFA Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Stacey Stepek	Heritage/Bill Vallely

**FOR TRAILS EVENTS SEE PAGE 4**

Field Site Codes: BV-Bill Vallely Fields, KL-Ken Lindley, KUB-Kuebler, WCF-Willow Creek Park, PHS-Prescott High School, ZIG-Ziegler.

For more information on sports in Prescott contact:  
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# The Trails & Natural Parklands

Activity on the trails got back to a more normal pace in 2022. With Over the Hill Gang returning at full strength, seven miles of new trail were constructed, bringing the Prescott City trails total up to 133 miles.

With the new purchase of additional Storm Ranch property, the Dells Bonanza and Candy trails were added, completing a loop through Iron King Trail in Prescott Valley to Peavine Trail at Point of Rocks. The Headwaters Trail in the Granite Dells Estates development was also added. Combined, these trails totaled four miles. Another three miles were completed on North Peavine Trail going up to Chino Valley.

The trails were designed by the Chris Hosking, Trails and Natural Parklands Coordinator, and constructed with the assistance of Over the Hill Gang.

*Contributor: Nancy Nesbit with Chris Hosking*



(Left) Dells Bonanza Trail  
(Right) Headwaters Trail,  
Granite Dells Estates

The Dells Bonanza and Candy Trails were constructed by hand by Over the Hill Gang. The Headwaters and Peavine extension trails were done by machine (Chris Hosking) and cleaned up by Over the Hill Gang.

*(Photos courtesy of:  
Chris Hosking)*



## 2022 Trail Counts

	2021	2022
Constellation	59,402	51,023
Peavine	69,996	75,054
(Sundog Trailhead)		
Willow Lake Trail	89,342	95,923
Watson Lake Trail	105,923	108,051

COVID trail counts for 2020 were unusually high. Although 2021 trails counts were lower, 2022 counts show a net increase in usage over 2021.



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## 2023 Calendar of Events on the Trails

Date	Event	Contact	Sites
April 8	Prescott Punisher	Tim Racette	Pioneer Trail System
April 14-16	Whiskey Basin Trail Run	Jubilee Paige/ Aravaipa	Circle Trail
April 21-23	AZ NICA Top Gun Bike Race	AZ Interscholastic Cycling League	Pioneer Trail System
April 28-30	Whiskey Off Road	Epic Rides	Downtown
May 1/2	Cocadona 250	Steve Aderholdt/ Aravaipa	Circle Trail
Oct. 7/8	AZ High School Cycling Race (Youth Event)	Mike Perry	Pioneer Trail system
Oct. 14	Prescott Whiskey Row Marathon	Jamie DeJoseph	Downtown
Oct. 14	Prescott Sixer Race	Breanna Bissel	Pioneer/Brownlow Trail

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