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Many of Prescott's special events are held at the Courthouse Plaza. From musical events to fine art and craft shows there is something for everyone. Many visitors spend 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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## Prescott 2024 Spring Special Events

As the weather starts to change in early spring, here in Prescott, so does the flow of traffic and the increased amount of visitors the warmer weather brings. It also ushers in the start of the busy special events season. In Prescott, that season runs from March through December. Starting with the Heights Church Easter service at Watson Lake, there is sure to be different happenings all over Prescott every weekend. The grandest of them all, the Whiskey Off Road Bike Race, ushers thousand of mountain bike enthusiasts, the last weekend in April to the downtown town area for a three-day mountain bike event, full of vendors, action-packed racing and a community concert. And the action doesn't stop there! Prescott is host to several arts and crafts shows, car shows, beer and music festivals as well as cultural festivals throughout the year. And it wouldn't be Prescott without the World's Oldest Rodeo and its signature events in July or the Arizona Christmas City events that happen in December. You can find a list of upcoming and all events on the city website at <https://prescott-az.gov/rec-services/special-events> or for information call (928) 777-1121.

*(Contributor: Michelle Stacey-Schroeder)*

Date	Event	Location	Website
Apr. 20	Earth Day Prescott	Goodwin Street	<a href="http://Greaterprescottoutdoorsfund.org">Greaterprescottoutdoorsfund.org</a>
Apr. 20	Chalk It Up! Prescott	City Hall Parking Lot	
May 3-5	Cruise to the Pines Car Show	Watson Lake	<a href="http://cruisetothePines.com">cruisetothePines.com</a>
May 5	Sunup Rotary Duck Derby	Watson Lake South Boat Ramp	<a href="http://duckrace.com/Prescott">duckrace.com/Prescott</a>
May 11	Mountain Artist Guild Mother's Day Fine Art & Craft	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://mountainartistguild.org">mountainartistguild.org</a>
May 17	Pure Imagination Music Festival	Watson Lake	<a href="http://pureimaginationfestival.com">pureimaginationfestival.com</a>
May 25-26	Off Street Festival-Arts & Crafts	117 W. Goodwin	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>
May 25-27	Phippen Western Art Show & Sale	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://hippenartmuseum.org">hippenartmuseum.org</a>
June 8-9	Territorial Days Arts & Crafts Show	Courthouse Plaza	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>
June 8	WOOFstock and Adopt-A-Thon	Willow Creek Park	
June 15	Whiskey Row Brewfest	Mile High Middle School	<a href="http://prescott.events">prescott.events</a>
Jun 21-23	Prescott Blue Grass Festival	Goodwin St.	<a href="http://prescott.org">prescott.org</a>

## Sports Page

### 2024 Sports News - Upcoming Leagues and Tournaments

Spring is here and so is all the sports action! We have a full calendar of events and sports leagues for our community to enjoy. Our adult spring volleyball league begins in March and our adult softball and kickball leagues will kick off in May. We will also be running our summer adult basketball league which takes place throughout July and August. It's going to be a busy spring and summer and we have plenty of opportunities for the community to get out, have fun and get their bodies moving! For information about the City of Prescott's sports leagues and how and when to register go to: <https://prescott-az.gov/rec-services/programs-sports/>

We look forward to another fun spring and summer with everybody! The 2024 tournament and event season is packed full of youth and adult sports tournaments and races. The tournament season kicks off April 5th with the boys Yavapai Soccer Cup youth soccer tournament. This tournament had over 136 teams competing last year, and we expect the same turnout if not more teams in 2024! The following weekend will feature the girls' teams as they battle it out for the Yavapai Soccer Cup on April 12th-14th! Then we are off and running until November! This year we have some new tournaments coming to town and one of those that we are very excited about is the Alliance Southwest Regional Youth Fastpitch Softball Championships here in Prescott. This tournament will run July 16th-21st and will take place at different locations in Prescott (Heritage Park, Pioneer Park and Roughrider Park). This should be a very exciting, highly competitive, youth fastpitch tournament so be sure to circle the dates on your calendar! We have over 22 tournaments and/or competitions scheduled for 2024 which includes youth baseball, softball, football and soccer, as well as adult slow pitch and fastpitch softball tournaments. It figures to be a busy Spring and Summer (and Fall too!) here in Prescott and we can't wait to kick off the tournament season and watch some great games this year! For a complete listing of tournaments, competitions and

and races visit the City of Prescott's website at: [https://prescott-az.gov/sports\\_programs/tournaments/](https://prescott-az.gov/sports_programs/tournaments/)

(Contributor: Ryan Harlow)



#### Contact Information

For more information about City teams or leagues telephone (928) 777-1558 or

email: [ryan.harlow@prescott-az.gov](mailto:ryan.harlow@prescott-az.gov)

Our calendar of sporting events is available at our Recreation Services Department office located at the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center 824 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 Telephone: (928) 777-1121

Visit us on the City's website at: [www.prescott-az.gov](http://www.prescott-az.gov)

Photos Above  
Girls Fastpitch  
Softball  
Tournaments  
(File/stock photos)



Photo Right  
AYSO Boys Soccer  
(Photo courtesy of  
AYSO Soccer)





## 2024 Calendar of Sporting Events

Date	Event	Contact	Sites
April 5-7	Yavapai Soccer Cup Boys (Youth Event)	Yavapai Soccer League	PP/HP/Kuebler/KL
April 12-14	Yavapai Soccer Cup Girls (Youth Event)	Yavapai Soccer League	PP/HP/Kuebler/KL
May 4/5	AZ/SSUSA Ernie Jones Memorial Cool Country Classic I	Rick Seifman	Pioneer 4 Plex/Heritage #1
May 11-12	Triple Crown Youth Baseball Tournament (Youth Event)	Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/KUB/ZIG/Heritage
May 17/18	Prescott Pickle Ball Association Member Mashup Tournament	Doug Seefeld/PPA	PPA Pickle Ball Courts
May 18/19	AWS Men's Senior Slow Pitch Tournament	JP Morgan	Pioneer/Heritage Park #1
May 25-27	Baseball Showcase Tournament (Youth Event)	Kyle Rogers	Pioneer/Kuebler/Ziegler
June 1/2	Alliance Fast Pitch Girl's Fastpitch Tournament	Alfredo Nunez	Pioneer/Heritage
June 8/9	Triple Crown Youth Baseball Tournament	Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/KUB/ZIG/Heritage
June 15/16	R12 Sports Cool County Classic II Softball Tournament	Leon Rodriguez	Pioneer/Heritage #1
June 22	Chuck, Kathy & Ben Jones Co-Rec Softball Tournament	Kathy Jones/Spring Jones	Pioneer Park
June 28-30	No Limit Fastpitch/PGF Youth Fastpitch Tournament	Ismael Mendoza	Pioneer/Heritage/BV/ZIG
July 6/7	R12 Sports Cool County Classic III Softball Tournament	Leon Rodriguez	Pioneer/Heritage #1
July 13/14	AWS Men's Senior Slow Pitch Tournament	JP Morgan	Pioneer/Heritage Park #1
July 16-21	Alliance Fast Pitch-Girl's Fastpitch Regional Championship	Alfredo Nunez	Pioneer/Heritage/BV/ZIG
July 26-28	AFA Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Stacey Stepek	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
Aug 2-4	Women's Senior Summer Softball Smash	Michelle Stacey-Schroeder	Pioneer/Heritage/BV
Aug 10/11	AZ/SSUSA Last Chance World Qualifier Cool Country Classic IV	Rick Seifman	Pioneer 4 Plex/Heritage #1
Aug 17	NYS-National Youth Sports Football Jamboree	Jake Hanna	Pioneer 4 Plex
Aug 24/25	Alliance Fast Pitch Girls Fastpitch Tournament	Alfredo Nunez	Pioneer/Heritage
Aug 30-Sept 2	Triple Crown Youth Baseball Tournament (Youth Event)	Kyle Gribble	Pioneer/KUB/ZIG/Heritage
Sep 7	AYSO Soccer Games Begin (Saturdays Sep 7 - Nov 16)	Brad Leach	Pioneer
Oct 28	Over-The-Line Tournament	Doug Bernstein	Heritage Park
Oct 5	Kitchen Fire Classic (Prescott Firefighters Charities Pickleball Event)	Josh Krueger	Pickle Ball Courts
Oct 11-13	AFC Men's Fastpitch National Championship	Cam Schiller	Pioneer Park

**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:**

**Michelle Stacy-Schroeder at (928) 777-1552 or the Recreation Program Manager at (928) 777-1558**

## The Trails & Natural Parklands

Maintenance and work on the City of Prescott trails was very active and productive in 2023. Concentrating in the Granite Dells area, new trails were added while others were completed. The effort included work on Rattler Trail, Bonanza Trail, Virginia Trail, Elizabeth Creek Trail, and Bean Peak, as well as Gateway Trail. These trails will be highlighted in the 2024 Summer Newsletter. For more information and maps, visit us online at: <https://prescott-az.gov/recreation-area/trails/>

(Contributors: Nancy Nesbit with Chris Hosking)

### Over the Hill Gang

An independent, energetic, and fun group, Over the Hill gang is an all volunteer group dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the great Prescott area trails. The group was established in the 1990s in conjunction with Yavapai Trails Association, the Prescott National Forest and the City of Prescott. Work with the City really picked up in 2007. Work is on Mondays and Fridays with the City of Prescott and Thursdays with the Prescott National Forest. There are often special projects on the other days.

Their contact with the City of Prescott is Chris Hosking who can be reached at: (928) 777-1121.

To work with the Prescott National Forest, contact [jason.a.williams@usda.gov](mailto:jason.a.williams@usda.gov)

Follow OTHG on Facebook at Over the Hill Gang - Prescott

(Photo courtesy of: Chris Hosking)



### 2023 Trail Counts

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Constellation	51,023	49,688
Peavine	75,054	77,915
(Sundog Trailhead)		
Willow Lake Trail	51,023	55,633
(Behind the Dog Park)		
Watson Lake Trail	108,051	82,626

There was a slight increase in trail usage in 2023. There are currently 95 access points to the 140 miles of city trails, including the improved trailheads.



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### 2024 Calendar of Events on the Trails

Date	Event	Contact	Sites
April 13	Prescott Punisher	Tim Racette	Pioneer Trail System
April 12-14	Whiskey Basin Trail Run	Jubilee Paige/ Aravaipa	Circle Trail
April 26-28	Whiskey Off Road	Epic Rides	Downtown
May 6-7	Cocadona 250	Steve Aderholdt/ Aravaipa	Circle Trail
Oct. 5-6	Prescott Circle Trail MTB Race	Aaron Schmidt	Pioneer Trail System
Oct. 5-6	AZ High School Cycling Race (Youth Event)	Mike Perry	Pioneer Trail system
Oct. 12	Prescott Whiskey Row Marathon	Jamie DeJoseph	Downtown
Oct. 12	Prescott Sixer Race	Breanna Bissel	Pioneer/Brownlow Trail

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