

An Outdoor Adventure Camp Camp Camp Camp Camp





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Happy New Year!!!

This newsletter lets you know "What's Up?" at Camp Colley.

The purpose is to bring you the latest information on programs, facility progress, future plans, and ways to get involved with Camp Colley.

We always encourage feedback, letters, or photographs that you may want to share in regards to Camp Colley. Thanks for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you up at Camp Colley!

What is Camp Colley???

Camp Colley is an outdoor adventure camp located in the pines of the Mogollon Rim, 150 miles north of Phoenix. The Parks and Recreation Department provides recreation opportunities in a natural, pristine forest setting.

Trips take place April through October and serve people of all ages and abilities. The 30 acre site surrounded by national forest has unique operational needs. Power is provided by solar energy and propane. Well water is used and a constructed wetlands system treats the waste water.

Camping trips are organized by existing Parks and Recreation Department programs. Participants stay at the remote camp in platform tents. The remote site accommodates about 20 participants at a time.

The cost to send a child to Camp Colley comes from Parks and Recreation program registration fees in which the child is already participating. A variety of trips are facilitated. Trips are coordinated by Phoenix Activity City, Adaptive Recreation, River Rampage, Wonderful Outdoor World, community centers and programs of the divisions (Northeast, South, Central, and Northwest), and Natural Resources. Camp Colley also has events (Earth Day, National Trails Day, and an Open House).

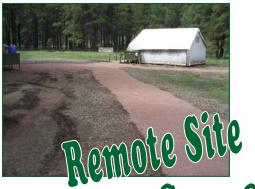
There are also programs that are available to the public through open registration. Programs offered to the public are: Family Camping Trips, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Activities at camp include hiking, trips to the fire tower, mountain biking, environmental ethics, nutrition/physical activities, canoeing, horses, backpacking, and service projects.

Facility News...

Camp Colley had all of it's facilities in use during the '07 season. The remote campsite, the dining hall and kitchen, bath house, and staff cabin were all heavily

used.



Camp Colley Facilities





Site development is still being planned for camp. Four sleeping cabins are in the future plans for camp. Monies are still being sought for the construction of the cabins. When development is finished we will be able to provide year round recreational activities. To find out how you can contribute to Camp Colley through donations of time or money, please write to:

info@campcolley.org

Camp Colley Foundation...

Camp Colley. The perfect environment for kids to thrive.

For some kids, the outdoors are a foreign place. They've never stood underneath an oak, never skipped stones in a lake, and never seen a shooting star. Camp Colley was made for them. Nestled in the pines on Arizona's Mogollon Rim, Camp Colley is an adventure camp that introduces under-privileged youth to the fun of outdoor recreation. The camp, owned and operated by the City of Phoenix, is one of the most effective interventions for youth and people with challenges.

Invaluable experiences, available at no cost to kids.

You can't put a price on the experience Camp Colley provides. For deserving kids, the life-changing adventure is free. Camp Colley is the only outdoor camp in Arizona that provides under-privileged youth this opportunity. All programs, meals, equipment, transportation and supervision are provided.

Nature teaches some amazing lessons.

By bringing kids together in a natural environment, Camp Colley offers them the experience of a lifetime. They build character and learn about themselves. They discover the beauty of nature and why it should be protected. They develop lasting values and learn to appreciate diversity.

A great camp. Named after a great man.

Camp Colley was named in honor of James A. Colley, who served for 22 years as the Director of the City of Phoenix Parks, Recreation and Library Department. The camp not only has his name, but it reflects his commitment to the outdoor experience and the benefits it provides.

For more on the foundation go to: http://campcolley.org

The 3rd Annual Camp Colley Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 29, 2008.

You Said It!!!

"The biggest goal I had, was to teach my children about how to camp and how to have fun in nature. The staff and the program here were absolutely fabulous and they accomplished this goal. Thank you!" Dad 33





"I am happy to say that this is the best camping trip ever. I had so much fun biking, riding horses, eating marshmallows and learning new things about mother nature, and that we don't need a TV or anything to have fun." Female 14

"During this trip I really did a lot of amazing stuff. I dangled off the edge of the Mogollon Rim, I went swimming in the lake, I went hiking on the hardest trail I've ever been on. I learned a lot about myself." Male 17



What's New???

Here are open registration program opportunities for the 2008 season! Please check online for exact dates and times (information will be available March 2008).

Family Trips 2008

June National Trails Day

July Canoeing

August Horses

September Backpacking

October Fall Fest





For Info. about Camp Colley or to sign up for trips, please go Online to:

http://phoenix.gov/PRL/campcolley.html

http://phoenix.gov/PRL/howdoi.html

Or Contact:

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Jeff Spellman, Park Manager
602.534.1504 or jeff.spellman@phoenix.gov

A 1,000 Words!!!













In the Spotlight...

One of the key elements of the past season was the Department staff and volunteer support. Through the tremendous support of the staff and volunteers we were able to establish record numbers up at camp during the past season. The year was very action packed with about 20 trips and approximately 400 participants taking part in activities at Camp Colley.

The trips and activities were facilitated by existing programs of the Parks and Recreation Department and Camp Colley staff. The programs last season were highlighted by four Family Camping Trips (Camp Kick-Off, Canoeing, Horses, and Fall Colors) and special events (National Trails Day and Open House). This season looks to be just as busy. The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to host trips and the Family Trip Program will continue this season. Keep your ears and eyes open for upcoming Camp





