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**TEEN SUMMER SERIES RETURNS WITH A VARIETY OF FUN, RELEVANT PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**Anthem, Ariz.** – The Civic Building will be a hotbed of activity for Anthem tweens and teens 12 years and older again this summer, as the Anthem Community Council builds on the successful launch of last year’s Teen Summer Series.

The series, which features movies, arts-and-crafts sessions, game days, fitness classes and life skills programming from June through August, will be offered for one summer-long price of \$30 per participant.

“The series had a great turnout last year, with 25-30 teens each week,” said Taylor McCulley, meeting and program manager for the Civic Building. “The feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive and we are excited to bring the series back again this summer with new programs and returning favorites.”

Staff, independent contractors and fitness instructors will lead a variety of programs each week; MudPie Studios, for example, will lead some of the arts-and-crafts days. Fitness days will include yoga and boot camp. Movies “Queen of Katwe,” “The BGF” and the new “Pete’s Dragon” will be featured. On game days, participants can enjoy board games in the Civic Building collection, or may bring games from home to share.

Parent/guardian-only sessions on internet safety (June 8) and substance abuse (July 6) also will be offered. These sessions, which run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Civic Building, are free and open to the public, regardless whether a teen in their family is enrolled in the program.

A \$30 passport for the series, available now for purchase at the Civic Building and Community Center, grants access to the complete lineup of programs (non-resident rates apply). Fitness classes also will be offered for a \$5 drop-in rate, for those who aren’t able to attend the full summer session.

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