

2020

EAST VALLEY MOMS BLOG

FALL GUIDE



Our contributors weighed in on their favorite fall activities, and we dug around to find the best bargains for families to give you more time to sip that PSL, wear your flannel and pretend it's not still 98 degrees in Arizona in October.


aspenorthodontics
THANKS TO OUR FALL
GUIDE SPONSOR!

BEST “ONLY IN ARIZONA” FALL EXPERIENCE

Take a dip in Mesa’s floating pumpkin patches.

Admission includes one pumpkin per person, pumpkin decorating, and 45 minutes of swim time in Mesa’s heated pools.

There will be a max of 40 participants per time frame with time for staff to clean and sanitize between event times.

10th ANNUAL PUMPKIN SPLASH
AT MESA CITY POOLS
@cityofmesa

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 AM – 4 PM
Pricing: \$8 per entry/pumpkin
Two locations: Brimhall Aquatic Complex & Mesa Aquatic Complex

Special notes: Pumpkin Splash is limited to the first 500 people. Advanced tickets can be purchased at timed intervals.
[details here.](#)

BEST HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY-BACK

Some buybacks happen so quickly after Halloween, your kids aren't ready to part with their candy! We love that Aspen Ortho gives kids a week to sift through and sort out their candy before bringing it to the buy-back.

Aspen Ortho also is running a fall basket giveaway on their instagram through October 14, where one mama will win amazing seasonal goodies plus \$1000 towards your out of pocket cost for comprehensive care (after insurance), that's a stinkin' good deal on top of insurance!

Aspen Ortho is running a promotion for the month where new patients receive \$750 off comprehensive orthodontic treatment! Simply follow @Aspenortho on Instagram and share the promotion on your feed and screenshot it and bring it to your new patient appointment at any of their offices, (Q.C., Chandler or Maricopa).

13th Annual Candy Buyback @aspenortho

Saturday, Nov. 6, 3-7 p.m.

Pricing: \$1 per pound to your child
and \$0.50 to your child's school

5970 S. Cooper Rd., Chandler, AZ

This free event features food trucks, a classic car show
and other family fun. All candy will be donated to
Operation Gratitude.

[Details on offers and candy buyback here](#)

BEST HALLOWEEN DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Pack up the pickup with blankets and get your annual fix of Hocus Pocus on the big screen. We love that the rodeo grounds in Apache Junction turn into an affordable, family outing on Saturday nights this October with early and late screenings of Hocus Pocus, the Nightmare Before Christmas and The Addams Family.

Creepin it Real Drive-In Movie Series at the Rodeo Grounds

Saturdays in October at the AJ Rodeo Grounds Event Center

Pricing: \$5/car, pre-registration is required

[Registration details here.](#)

BEST MOMS-ONLY FALL FUN

If you're looking for a festive afternoon with your gal pals, look no further than Smitholator Cookie Shop on Main Street in downtown Mesa.

This vintage-inspired cookie shop brings cookie magic to the classes, making even the most novice cookie decorator leave with cookies they're proud to post on Instagram.

In two hours, you'll learn the basics of cookie decorating and leave with a new skill (just in time for holiday cookie parties), and eight beautiful fall-themed cookies.

Smitholator Cookie Shop
in-bakery workshops

Various dates through October

Pricing: \$40/person, pre-
registration is required

[Registration details here.](#)

BEST CORN MAZE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Vertuccio Farms Corn Maze and Fall Festival: Admission includes a 5-acre corn maze, duck races, spider web climb, pallet maze and pumpkin bowling, plus more.

Deals & discounts:

\$2 Off Admission with non-perishable food bank donation any day.

Toddler Tuesday: Tuesday Oct 20th 9am-1pm, \$12 admission good for 1 adult and 1 child. Additional children are \$6 each and ages 2 years and under are free.

Vertuccio Farms Fall Festival

October 1st - November 1st

Hours:

M-Th: 9am-9pm,

F-Sat. 9am-10pm,

Sun. 10am-6pm

Admission: \$12 per person, ages 2 and younger are free

[Admission details here.](#)

BEST FALL MARKET

Escape, be inspired, find the things your heart loves for your home including gorgeous furniture, gifts, clothing, jewelry, one-of-a-kind vintage and seasonal decor and delicious baked goods all under one roof, open four days each month.

Every purchase supports local designers and makers. There is no admission fee and inventory will be restocked daily.

On October 17th, they're offering a family fun night including face painting, pumpkin carving and more, so kiddos can play while moms shop!

Highland Yard Vintage

Oct 15 - 18, times vary, with family fun night on Oct. 17

Pricing: free admission & free parking

(some of the kid's activities will have a small fee)

Location: 1509 N Arizona Ave,
Chandler, AZ 85225

[Event details here.](#)

BEST DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

Mesa Arts Center has transformed their iconic festival to be COVID-friendly this year by hosting a Día de los Muertos Virtual Festival.

Locals can tune in to watch performances by La Luz de la Luna, a special video presentation of the world-renowned Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández and local favorites Mariachi Pasion.

Día de los Muertos Virtual Festival

October 24

Noon - 3 pm

[Streaming details here.](#)

BEST DAY TRIP

Want a little getaway that will give you all the fall feels? Mortimer Farms is just 90-minutes from home, Families can partake in a 25-acre corn maze, pick pumpkins straight off the vine and enjoy live entertainment, like pig races!

Use code "EVMB" and get an extra \$1 off admission.

Military Discount: All veterans and active-duty members get free admission with ID

Mortimer Farms

Now - November 1st
Admission: \$14.50 + taxes

[Admission details here.](#)