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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The Associate Memberships are as follows:

The dues for a Single Associate Membership is \$48.00 and \$96.00 for a Family Associate Membership. This fee is payable yearly.

This membership fee will entitle you to all membership benefits consisting of:

- *Receiving Monthly Municipals
- *Ability to purchase discounted tickets
- *Attend monthly membership meetings
- *Attend monthly events

If you choose an Associate Membership please remit your yearly dues along with your completed membership application card to Copmea 101 S. Central Ave. #610 Phoenix, AZ 85004. Also please check out our web page at www.comea.com

Non-payment of dues will result in a forfeit of all membership privileges.

Should you have any questions, please contact the COPMEA office at (602) 262-6858

OFFICE INFO

COPMEA members, the Office Staff ask that you please remember:

- credit or debit cards cannot be accepted for payment.
- Please have your COPMEA cards ready when making any purchases.
- Report any changes in membership and address changes to the office.
- ➤ Tickets for monthly events are restricted to your membership and your COPMEA card is required to purchase tickets.
- Please keep in mind when making vacation plans to purchase your tickets to any of the California amusement parks as far in advance as possible as there is a limited supply on hand.
- > E-mail the Office at www.copmea.com

The Office is issuing new COPMEA cards with employee ID numbers. Please check your cards. If your social security number is on your card, please bring it by the office and we will be happy to issue you a new card.

As a reminder —

When driving to the COPMEA office, enter off of Central Avenue or Madison. There is a private driveway off of Madison and visitor parking behind the Barrister Bldg.



THE COPMEA OFFICE WILL BE MOVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Services Department, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation, and Library departments, is gearing up for the 2011 COMFORT Program, a reading and recreation program for children of homeless families staying at Watkins Emergency Shelter. This year the program will operate from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Nov. 30, 2010 to March 17, 2011.

The program has been in existence for 11 years and relies solely on city of Phoenix employees and their families to provide one-on-one interaction with the children. In 2009, 498 families stayed at least one night at the shelter. There were 1,020 children under the age of 18 and 59 percent were under the age of 5. Families with children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population!

We currently are seeking volunteers for this program. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Tamyra Spendley at 602-262-6658 or tamyra.spendley@phoenix.gov. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Also, please convey this information to any coworkers who may be interested in becoming a volunteer. If you would like the COMFORT Program presented to your department or division, contact me at 602-262-6658.

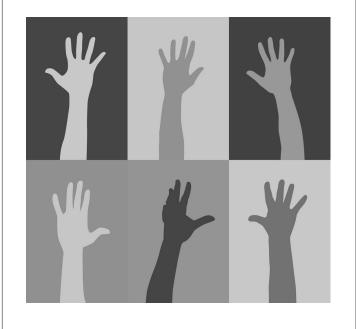
Thank you,

Tamyra Spendley COMFORT Program Coordinator The city's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign is seeking individuals who will become Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers. VITA volunteers help low-income working individuals and families by preparing their taxes and claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming season. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in partnership with the city of Phoenix, will be conducting free training sessions from November to January at locations around the city.

Last year, volunteers helped prepare more than 5,000 returns resulting in more than \$7 million to Phoenix residents. One hour of your time may be worth more than \$1,800 to a working family.

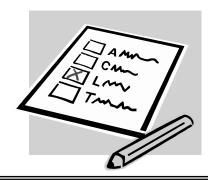
For more information, call 602-262-6658, e-mail to eitc@phoenix.gov or visit phoenx.gov/eitc.





IT IS ELECTION TIME

Positions are open for Vice President, Recording Secretary, and two Board of Directors



FOR THOSE UNEXPECTED CHOCOLATE ATTACKS!

5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- A small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 large coffee mug (MicroSafe)

Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again.

Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts.

The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!. Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired



10:00am - 7:30pm

September

September
September 1-3
September 4-5
September 6
September 7-10
September 11-12
September 13-17
September 18-19
September 20-24
September 26-26 10:00am - 7:30pm 9:00am - 11:00pm 9:00am - 9:00pm 10:00am - 6:00pm 10:00am - 7:30pm 10:00am - 6:00pm 10:00am – 7:30pm 10:00am – 6:00pm September 25-26 September 27-30 10:00am - 7:30pm 10:00am - 6:00pm

Into the Blue

Fireworks Schedule: NO Fireworks Aug 30 – Sept 3 Sept 4 & 5 (9:50 pm) Sept 6 (8:50 pm)

Upcoming Events:

Halloween Spooktacular Weekends in October



Attraction Closures: Journey to Atlantis Sept 13 -17

> Visit us online: www.seaworldsandiego.com Shamu Cam

www.seaworldvacations.com Vacation Planning

www.seaworldgroupevents.com Holiday Party Information

SeaWorld San Diego September Updates

Halloween Spooktacular

Come trick-or-treat where Halloween meets the sea. Meet amazing sea correlatives, catch silly and spooky Halloween shows — all in an underwater Halloween Fantasea. Coming ashore new this year is the Pirates 4-D movie experience, a humorous talle of a hapless pirate crew. Kids, come in costume and leave swimming in ghoulish goodies.

Halloween Spooktacular weekends in October. Spooktacular is included with park admission. Visit SeaWorldSpooktacular.com for more information.

Baby Beluga Getting Along Swimmingly

A beluga whale calf bom June 23 at SeaWorld San Diego's Wild Arctic exhibit is doing well and is bonding with a "surrogate" mom. Following the birth, the mother, Ruby, did not bond or show interest in the female calf. In the wild, acaff in this scenario would not survive. Because she was born at SeaWorld, the park's experienced trainers stepped in and are hand-raising the young cetacean. The calf, who has not yet been named, is being tube fed a special baby whale milk formula developed by her trainers and is steadily gaining weight. Allya, another female beluga at the Wild Arctic who has previously exhibited maternal behavior, was introduced to the calf last week. The two quickly bonded, and the 25-year-old Allya is not only providing important companionship, but is aiding in the calf's progress and development. Beluga whales are born a more grey color and over time they develop the bright white coloring that they are known for. Eventually the calf will be on exhibit at white coloring that they are known for. Eventually the calf will be on exhibit at Wild Arctic with the park's other beluga whales.

Spotlight on World of the Sea Aquarium

Located next to Shipwreck Rapids, this aquarium features a tropical display of warm water fish that can be found in many areas of the world including the Caribbean Sea, South Pacific and the Gulf of California. World of the Sea Aquarium also has a local marine fish display that simulates what guests would see if they were to snorkel or scuba dive off the coast of San Diego. Make sure to visit this aquarium on your next visit to SeaWorld!

Sea Otter Awareness Week September 26 - October 2

Daily at Otter Outlook by Rocky Point Preserve, come watch Sea Otters Daily at Otter Dulow by Noby, Polit Preserve, Unline Walth Sea Otter during "Tube Time," where otters play with frozen tubes stuffed with clams and shrimp. These frozen "otter pops" get smacked against the wall of their habitat by the otters to dislodge the food, mimicking their natural behavior in the wild. SeaWorld animal care specialists will be on hand to answer questions and education specialists will guide children through educational craft projects.

Fun Fact: The polar bear is the only bear considered to be a marine mammal. It is only partially aquatic though, and the least aquatic of all marine mammals.

COPMEA TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO

NOVEMBER 24 TO 28, 2010

Cost: \$440.00 per person (COPMEA Members) \$730.00 per person (Non-Members)

Price Includes: Motorcoach Transportation Hotel Accommodations (Holiday Inn, Fisherman's Wharf) Private Wine Tour in Napa Valley with a Picnic Lunch at V Sattul Winery

This Trip is Limited to 30 Seats

- 2 People Per Room Maximum
- 2 Bags Per Person Maximum

\$50.00 Non-refundable deposit required Trip must be paid in full by October 22, 2010







October 2010

Vacations

Las Vegas, 2 Nights Hotel with Air	\$ 169 pp
San Diego, 2 Nights + Sea World	\$ 194 pp
Disneyland, 2 Nights + 2 Day Hopper Pass	\$ 269 pp
Honolulu, Hawaii, 8 Nts., Hotel/Air	\$ 699 pp
Cabo San Lucas, 5 Days, 4 Nights Hotel with Air	\$ 549 pp
Cancun, 5 Days, 4 Nights, Hotel with Air, All Incl	\$ 669 pp
Puerto Vallarta, 5 Days, 4 Nights Hotel/Air, All Incl	\$ 669 pp
Grand Canyon Railway(Please call for	or details)
Verde Canyon Railroad (Please call for	or details)

Please note that certain restrictions may apply to all vacations.

Group Vacations

Western Caribbean Cruise, 4 Ports, 7 Nights,			
March 20, 2011	. \$	537	рp
Mediterranean Cruise, 12 Nights,			
September 27, 2011	. \$	1890 (gg

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WE HAVE DISCOUNTS

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LOCAL DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE	
Movie Theatres Harkins AMC Special Engagement (Harkins & AMC)	\$ 6.00 \$ 6.00 \$ 7.50
Enchanted Island at Encanto Park Unlimited Rides	\$ 6.00
Castles and Coasters Unlimited Rides And Golf Adult/Child (5 Hour Ticket Limit)	\$15.50
Arizona Science Center General Admission	\$18.00
Phoenix Zoo Adult (Reg. \$16.00) Child (Reg. \$6.00)	\$11.00 \$ 4.00
Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium Adults Child (3-12)	\$25.00 \$12.00
Desert Botanical Gardens Adults Child (3-12)	\$12.00 \$ 3.50
Arizona Sea Life Aquarium, Arizona Mills Reg price - Adult \$18.50 and Child \$10.50	\$ 9.00
Sunsplash (gate price \$28)	\$19.50
Wet and Wild	\$25.00
Big Surf	\$18.00

All Ticket Prices are subject to Change without Notice COPMEA may also sell tickets for events at the America West Arena Call the COPMEA Office at 262-6857 for further details.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: COPMEA trips outside of the United States, <u>Require a passport</u> NO EXCEPTIONS.

<u>Disneyland 2009 Park Hopper Tickets</u> (Disney must be paid by debit/credit card)

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2-Day Hopper		2 Day (1 Park	per Day)	
Adult	\$152.95	Adult	\$143.45	
Child 3-9	\$138.70	Child 3-9	\$129.20	
3-Day Hopper Adult 10 + Child 3-9			\$167.40 \$148.50	
4-Day Hopper				
Adult 10+			\$180.90	
Child 3-9			\$160.20	
5-Day Hopper Adult 10+			\$189.90	
Child 3-9			\$167.40	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TICKETS CALIFORNIA DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR MEMBERS TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT COPMEA OFFICE All tickets are subject to change without Notice! Seaworld Adults (gate price \$69) \$55.00 Child 3-9 (gate price \$59) \$48.00 This is a 2-Day ticket. Tickets must be used by the expiration date stamped on the ticket. <u>Universal Studios</u> (Must be paid by debit/credit card) All Prices Shown are Adult or Child \$59.00 Three-day ticket (gate price \$69) Annual Pass (gate price \$79) (w/blackout dates) \$69.00 Annual Pass (gate price \$99) (w/o blackout dates) \$84.00 Front of the Line (COPMEA pass guarantees admission) \$139.00 Six Flags Magic Mountain \$24.00 Adults (gate price \$59.99) Child 48" and Under (gate price \$29.99) \$15.00 San Diego Zoo Adults (gate price \$35) \$29.50 Child 3-11 (gate price \$26) \$21.50 San Diego Wild Animal Park \$29.50 Adults (gate price \$35) Child 3-11 (gate price \$26) \$21.50 Legoland Adults and Child \$49.00 (gate price adults \$67, child 3-12 & Senior 60+ \$57) Legoland and Sea Life Aquarium Resort Hopper Ticket Adults and Child \$60.00 (gate price adults \$87, child 3-12 & Senior 60+ \$77) Knotts Berry Farm Adult 12+ (gate price \$43) \$28.00 Child (gate price \$33) \$20.00 \$20.00 Senior 62+ (gate price \$33) Adults are Age 3 & Up 48" & Up Child are Age 3 & Up 48" & Under Knotts Berry Farm Soak City \$21.00 Adults (Regular Price \$31) Child (3-11) and Senior (62+) \$19.00 Aquarium of the Pacific Long Beach, California Adult (gate price \$23.95) \$16.95 Child 3-11 (gate price \$11.95) \$9.95





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