

**Upcoming Events**

- 113th Annual Convention June 7-8, 2019
- Membership Due May 30 [here](#)

**Calls to Action**

- Voter Voice ([Link here](#)) Send your representative a message with just a few clicks!
- Share your PTA Story - your story might be shared at National PTA Convention and Expo! Use the hashtag #MyPTAStory
- Want to schedule a presentation by SOS? Contact them here: [Save Our Schools Arizona](#)

Many of our schools are out for the summer, please watch upcoming issues of The Scoop for important dates for the 2019-2020 year.
We hope to see you at Convention!

Be sure to take time over the summer to relax, and enjoy the break!

Summer is also a time of planning for the upcoming school year. Reach out to your **Region Director or Field Service Member** to help plan a successful PTA year. Don't know who that is? Contact [office@azpta.org](mailto:office@azpta.org) for assistance.

**National PTA News & Updates**

- New Family Engagement Resources [HERE](#)
AZ PTA values the feedback our members provide.

We want to hear from you what you think about the National Dues Increase proposal.

We will vote as our members see fit, but we can't do that with your feedback.

Read up on what the proposed changes can accomplish below and click this link to share your thoughts with us!
Elections

Earlier this week President Sergio Chavez visited Edison School of Innovation PTA to help with elections. Welcome to all of our new PTA/PTSA officers across Arizona! Please remember to submit your new officers list here once you’ve had your elections: [http://www.azpta.org/leaders](http://www.azpta.org/leaders)

National PTA Calls for Increased Action to End Family Separations and Reunify Families

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (May 23, 2019)—
The following statement can be attributed to National PTA President Jim Accomando:
At the 2018 National PTA Convention & Expo in New Orleans, National PTA’s Board of Directors adopted and delegates endorsed a position statement on the Separation of Undocumented Children and Families. As we approach the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo, it is an important time to call for increased action to end family separations that are continuing to occur at our nation’s borders. More must be done to stop the harmful separations and reunite families as quickly as possible.

“The separation of children from their parents creates emotional stress and trauma that can adversely impact every aspect of their life. Keeping families together and ensuring that undocumented children—and all children—are treated with dignity and respect, are adequately cared for, and have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become productive members of society is essential.

“National PTA has long believed that every child residing in the United States—regardless of their immigration status—has the right of access to a high-quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic health care services. Two of our association’s founding principles are to promote the safety and well-being of all children and youth and to advocate for children and families who are most vulnerable.

“At National PTA, our motto is ‘Every Child, One Voice.’ Our association remains steadfast in raising our voice for the children and their parents and family members who have been separated at the border and in urging policymakers to work together to address immigration in a fair, appropriate and equitable way.”

National PTA Release

Public Lands Writing Contest

Calling all Arizona youth! Are you interested in winning prizes? Are you interested in the great outdoors? Do you like writing? Then this contest is for you. This is the Arizona Chapter of Backcountry and Angler’s inaugural writing contest. Just by sharing your knowledge and experiences on public land you can win some great gear to make your next public land adventure even more rewarding. So what are you waiting for? Check out the details below and get to writing!

Contest Details
The Arizona Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is pleased to announce our inaugural youth writing contest. Public lands play an invaluable role in shaping our youth while giving them the opportunity to learn and explore. The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to share their excitement for our American public lands heritage and give a chance to win some great prizes.

Contest Prizes:
- 1st - Vortex Binoculars and Rangefinder package or hunting backpack
- 2nd- BHA Gear Package (Hat, shirt, Nalgene, stickers)
- 3rd - Annual BHA Membership

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?
-This contest is open to 6th to 12th graders with two separate categories: 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th. Parents may assist the 6th-8th grade writers although we want the kids to take the reins and the parents to support as needed.
-Each applicant is allowed one submission.
-Entries must be one page or less and may include one related image as a separate attachment.
-Entries will be judged by the AZ BHA Board based on how well the topic is developed and presented.
-All entries to be submitted via e-mail. Include a headshot or outdoor picture of writer with submission.
-Winners will be notified by email and announced on chapter social media channels and our monthly newsletter. (Writers will only be identified with the parent's permission.

Writing Topic: Writers will answer the question, "How do you define public land, and what does it mean to you? in one page or less.

What is Not Allowed: Plagiarism - It is important that all submissions are based on original thinking and context is not taken from existing sources. We will allow parents to support the 6-8th graders but the student must do the bulk of the work.

Click Here for Entry Form
Our New Website is LIVE!

Have you heard? Arizona PTA has a new website! The mobile version is still under construction but the new site is live!

Please bear with us as we continue to update the new site and add items but for now all things convention are on the new site!

If you have our website saved please make sure to refresh or clear your cache to visit as the old site might still be visible until you reload.

Arizona State PTA Website

For 50 years, #PTAReflections has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning. Register for the 2019-2020 Reflections program "Look Within" today!

Click here - Reflections

Why PTA? #ptaproud

"This is at the head where decisions are made about your child, so don't you want to be a part of that?" Watch National PTA's “Why PTA is Important to Me” video to learn how everyday people across the country are making an impact in education.
National Park Service

The National Park Service will be offering a total of (5) days this year with free admission! The next free day will be August 25, 2019. If you'd like to see more information regarding the national parks please visit their website [here](#).

If you happen to have a 4th grader in your family, don't forget to sign up at Every Kid In A Park for free entry in to National Parks!

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Phoenix Art Museum

In an effort to reduce economic barriers and increase access to the arts, Phoenix Art Museum offers Pay-What-You-Wish admission every Wednesday from 3–9 pm.

As the Museum's first and longest-running community-access program providing complimentary general admission and programming for all ages and interests, Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesday has welcomed nearly 1 million people to the Museum over the past two decades.

Special-Engagement Exhibitions:

Special-engagement exhibitions require a $5 admission ticket during Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays.

Through May 26
Wondrous Worlds: Art & Islam Through Time & Place

March 9–September 8, 2019
Agnes Pelton: Desert Transcendentalist

Complimentary admission for Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays is generously supported by Macy's and Salt River Project.
Membership is due by the 30th of every month. Submit Membership Dues HERE.

Mandatory Leader training is past due! To complete training please click HERE.

Elections and Nomination Information HERE.

Having trouble and need to reach your region director? Click here.

Looking for a copy of your standing rules, bylaws, insurance or other important information find your leadership documents here.

Want to nominate an amazing teacher for AZPTA's Teacher of the Month? Email us here, and tell us about them! Submissions are due by the 13th of each month!

If you need to contact us, click on the name of the person you'd like to reach below

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We are actively seeking suggestions on other names for this biweekly newsletter.
Have a suggestion?
Email it to: newsletter