

SEPT 2025

TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



THERE'S A SUPERHERO IN ALL OF US!



September's monthly theme was all about SUPER HEROES! We couldn't think of a more fitting theme for the little warriors that walk through our doors everyday!

Thanks to AC Pro and the Tempe Diablos Charities, our kids were treated to a great day! Superman and Batgirl arrived to get everyone trained as Super Heroes. The kids decorated capes and masks and then got glitter tattoos to get themselves all suited up. Then they headed out to the playground for Super Hero academy where they learned Super Hero poses, attempted the Super Hero obstacle course and had a little fun with Super Hero style freeze dance.



Lunch was provided by Chompies and who can resist pancakes and chicken tenders?!? We finished off the afternoon with some cupcakes and a little Super Hero bingo. Our kiddos left with their own Batman walkie-talkies and a bag full of goodies.

And best of all, they left having made new friends and good memories!

Watch the video of our fun Superhero party [HERE!](#)

BIG THANKS TO OUR MOVE-ATHON SPONSORS!



CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE

- CONQUEROR** 300 miles
- GLADIATOR** 150 miles
- TITAN** 600 miles
- WARRIOR** 100 miles
- MOVER** I'm moving, but not tracking!
- CHALLENGER** 30 miles
- CHAMP** 60 miles

OCTOBER'S GREAT MOVE-ATHON!

REGISTER NOW

Our October Challenge starts October 1st and runs all month long! Are you ready to get moving for Lily's Pad?!

You pick one of the fitness challenges above and get moving any way you choose! Run, walk, bike - the choice is yours. Just know that every time you get moving, you're helping kids in medical battles have a safe and clean place to play!

Donate \$20 to sign up!
Donate \$40 or more and get event SWAG

FULL CIRCLE MOMENTS!

Written by Dawn Garza, Executive Director

Our doors opened a little over two years ago and I remember as applications for memberships started coming in. It was exciting because our facility was ready and able to start accepting members, but it was also emotional because I knew these families were in the middle of a journey they never expected to be on.

I met Allister, Nicco and James around the same time. All three boys were close in age and all were battling leukemia. Their parents came in with that shell shocked look I remember my brother and his wife wearing.

As I got to know these families, I felt a deep appreciation for the opportunity that Lily's Pad was giving to them. I know the loneliness and isolation that these families were experiencing and I felt so grateful we were able to lighten that load a little for them.

Last Saturday, Lily's Pad had a booth at the September Champ event. We greeted old and new members and met some new families as well. As I was getting ready to shut down our booth, I looked up to see these three boys chasing after each other. Their hair has grown back and they've beat their cancers. They are slowly getting their life and immunity back. Their need for Lily's Pad will soon fade and although I will miss them dearly, my heart is full knowing they get to be kids again!

What an honor it has been to see your friendship grow. Thank you for letting me and all of us here at Lily's Pad be a part of your lives! We can't wait to see what great things you amazing little humans will do!



Lily's Pad

LAPS FOR LILY'S PAD

WALK-A-THON

FREE EVENT

10/4
8 - 10 AM

ARIZONA MILLS MALL, TEMPE, AZ

Fun Challenges Along the Way | Live Music | All Ages

MORE INFO @lilyspadaz.org/laps

OCTOBER 4TH WALKATHON

Before the mall doors open, we're lacing up our sneakers and getting our hearts pumping as we get our laps in for Lily's Pad! Every lap around the mall equals one mile. How many can you get in before the mall opens?

**GET YOUR
FREE TICKETS HERE!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

More info available at
www.lilyspadaz.org/events

October 1 - 31

October 4

November 8

December 6

October's "Great MOVE-A-THON"

Laps for Lily's Pad WALK-A-THON

Play it Forward Music Festival and Craft Fair

J's and G's Golf Tournament