

## City of Tempe – Recreation Services Division Statement

The mission of our department within the City of Tempe states “The Recreation Services Division enriches the quality of life for the Tempe community by providing accessible, friendly, and fun experiences. Recreational opportunities are designed to enhance public health, environmental stewardship, social interaction and economic vitality in the community.”

The Little Buckaroos Toddler Sports Program is a new grassroots program designed for children ages 16 months to 5 years old. The goal of the program is to promote and instill the importance of physical activity at an early age. This high-energy program will expose children to various sports such as t-ball, soccer, basketball and more. Kids will develop gross motor, balance, concentration and social skills through guided activities. Weekly classes will offer action packed, creative games, obstacle courses, and sports drills to encourage social and physical development and the fundamental skills needed to be successful athletes and team players. Programming will take place at the City of Tempe’s Kiwanis Recreation Center. Our goal is to inspire a lifetime love of physical activity, play and teamwork. We want our new program to be a stepping stone for kids who want to advance their skillsets and progress into our city youth sports programs geared towards kids over 5 years of age.