

Fourth of July on America's 250th anniversary was well attended

The cloudy day on the Fourth of July made for a very pleasant day to celebrate at Thunderhill Park.

Esperanza once again played a big part in it. The Children's Bicycle Parade, a tradition sponsored by the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce was augmented by Esperanza with two tents set up near the playground and hot dog station.



One tent had Velcro dart games, with amazing prizes, led by Barb Yurka, with assistance from Peggy Hanson, Jennifer Breeding and Carolyn Tippit. The second tent was for temporary tattoos/stickers, with Judi Wold, Paul and Tina Bakalis decorating lots of individuals.



We also gave out candy with Esperanza and CoH information, which was well received. The parade began at 8:15am in the parking lot at Foothills Baptist Church and ended at Thunderhill Park around 11:00am, across the street from Esperanza. A DJ, inflatable water slides, jump house, fire engine and police van were all part of the festivities.

Esperanza's volunteers did an impressive job of organizing, setting up, celebrating with the community, and taking down. Thank you, Larry Hanson and Christine Quah, for helping to set up and take down the booths. See you next year!