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PHOENIX PRIDE PARADE

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It's almost time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in metro Phoenix with the annual Pride parade and festival. In addition to the lively procession in the street, there will be a two-day Pride festival with live entertainment and vendors selling a variety of food and merchandise.

Pride Month takes place every June, but the Phoenix Pride festival and parade are celebrated in October so the community is able to avoid the intense summer temperatures.

The Phoenix Pride Parade celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and the progress made in Arizona over the last four decades. It will showcase floats, marchers, vehicles, artists and performance elements.

What day is the Phoenix Pride parade?

The Phoenix Pride parade will take place on Sunday, Oct. 22.

In years past, the parade has brought more than 2,000 individual participants with decorated vehicles and colorful floats and thousands of walkers.

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The Queer Center walks in the Phoenix Pride Parade, waving an oversized rainbow "vote" flag on Oct. 16, 2022. At top, people crowd the barricades as they watch the Phoenix Pride Parade travel down Third Street toward Steele Indian School Park. PHOTOS BY MEGAN MENDOZA/THE REPUBLIC

Parade

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What time is the Phoenix Pride Parade?

The Phoenix Pride Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

The action takes place along Third Street from Thomas Street to Indian School and concludes at Steele Indian School Park, which is the home of the Phoenix Pride Festival.

What is the Phoenix Pride Parade?

The Phoenix Pride Parade aims to bring the area's diverse LGBTQ+ and allied communities together for a week-end of camaraderie and celebration.

There will be thousands of participants in the parade itself and over 15,000 spectators in attendance along with the grand marshals, local luminaries, music and fun.

The Phoenix Pride Parade also raises funds for Phoenix Pride and the Pride Community Grants and Scholarships Programs.

The 2023 Phoenix Pride Parade grand marshals are:

- **Arizona Trans Youth & Parent Organization:** AZTYPO provides a safe and supportive environment for children, adolescents and their families to explore gender identity through parent support groups, financial assistance and community events.

- **Phoenix Fast-Track Cities:** The Fast-Track Cities initiative was launched on World AIDS Day in 2014 in Paris. More than 70 high-HIV-burden cities around the world have since signed the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities Ending AIDS and engaged mayors and other political leaders, affected communities, city health officials, clinical and service providers and other stakeholders to accelerate their AIDS responses.

- **Positively You!** This educational media initiative from the Maricopa County Ryan White Program is designed to inform and empower young adults ages 18-34 and living with HIV to seek treatment and maintain viral suppression to help prevent HIV spread.

Where is the Phoenix Pride festival?

For over 40 years, Phoenix Pride has organized marches, rallies, parades and more to celebrate the Phoenix LGBTQ+



Phoenix Pride's 2022 organization grand marshal, One-N-Ten, travels down Third Street with the Pride Parade on Oct. 16, 2022. One-N-Ten is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides resources and community for LGBTQ+ youth. PHOTOS BY MEGAN MENDOZA/THE REPUBLIC

Phoenix Pride Parade

When: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

Where: The parade begins at the intersection of Thomas Road and Third Street in downtown Phoenix and moves north up Third Street to Indian School Road. Spectators are encouraged to line Third Street's east and west sides for the best views.

Admission: Free.

Details: <https://phoenixpride.org>.

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The two-day Pride festival features over 150 entertainment performances on multiple stages along with over 300 exhibitors showcasing a variety of food options, shopping opportunities and community resources.

The Phoenix Pride festival will take place Oct. 21-22 at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. For more information, including how to purchase tickets, visit <https://phoenixpride.org>.

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People watch as the Phoenix Pride Parade travels down Third Street toward Steele Indian School Park on Oct. 16, 2022.

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Guide to the Pride Parade

Find out everything you need to know for the 2023 Phoenix Pride Parade, including admission information, parade route and when the fun starts. 1C