

# Triple-digit weather hits Valley; cooling centers open

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Kids play basketball at Ted C. Wills Center in the gym that has been designated a cooling center by the city of Fresno on June 9, 2014. MARK CROSSE

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The Valley is in for [scorching weather this week](#), with temperatures set to exceed 100 through the July Fourth holiday weekend. As a result, cooling centers are opening throughout the region.

Fresno hit the century mark Sunday, surpassing the daytime seasonal average by about four degrees. Coalinga, Delano and Los Banos surpassed 100 by a few degrees, said meteorologist Christine Riley at the National Weather Service in Hanford.

The heat will only intensify in the beginning of the week. Monday and Tuesday temperatures in Fresno are set at 107 and 108, respectively -- the hottest days of the week -- but won't come close to the record for those dates, Riley said. The records for the beginning of July are above 110.

Four cooling centers in Fresno will be open until further notice starting Monday. The cooling centers are at Frank H. Ball Neighborhood Center, 760 Mayor Ave.; Ted C. Wills Community Center, 770 N. San Pablo Ave.; Mosqueda Community Center 4670 E. Butler Ave.; and Pinedale Community Center 7170 N. San

Pablo Ave. All centers will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will also be be hot with highs above 100, but Fresno will see a slight cooldown Friday, when the high is expected to reach 102. The record for July Fourth in Fresno is 112. Daytime highs will remain above 100 through at least Sunday.

"It will still be really hot for Fourth of July activities," Riley said. "We're in for a full-blown week of heat."

The cause of the heat is a stubborn system of strong high pressure over the area, Riley said. A break in temperatures is not in the forecast for the entire week.

### **Other cooling centers**

-- In Clovis, Sierra Vista Mall, 1050 Shaw Ave., serves as a cooling center from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

-- Madera and Chowchilla cooling centers are scheduled to be open throughout the week. Madera Rescue Mission, 332 Elm St., will be open anytime the day's high temperature reaches 100.

Other Madera-area cooling centers and their hours: Frank Bergon Senior Center, 238 S. D St., 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily through Friday; Pan Am Community Center, 703 E. Sherwood Way, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through Friday; Ranchos/Hills Senior Center, 37339 Berkshire Drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily through Friday.

-- The Transit Center in Visalia, 425 E. Oak Ave., will be open until 10 p.m., providing basic necessities like seating, restrooms and vending machines.

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