

# Guitar League launches West Valley chapter

A new chapter of Guitar League has launched near Avondale. The local chapter of the national organization will be managed by local musician Bart Marshel. “We are excited to offer guitarists of all skill levels an opportunity to learn, share and play,” Mr. Marshel stated. “Novices and rusty players are very welcome.”

The Guitar League will meet 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Courtyard Marriott West Avondale, 1650 N. 95th Lane. Sign in and registration starts 6:30. Guitar League was founded in 2005 in Syracuse, New York, as a “club” for members to share the joy and challenge of guitar ([guitarleague.com](http://guitarleague.com)).

The “League” idea comes from a baseball metaphor, catering to all skill levels including rookies, minors and majors. “Guitar League was started as a way to have fun learning guitar with new friends. You grow with it,” Guitar League co-founder Jim Horsman states. “It’s been a big hit in Syracuse for more than 13 years and we thought it was time to spread the joy to other communities.”

At each meeting, the main presenter spends the first hour sharing a mixture of performing and discussing their craft. Next, members split into breakout sessions for interactive learning and playing based on interest and skill level (rookies, minors and majors). Each month, breakout sessions will include different useful skill development

such as alternate tunings, blues progressions, classic lead riffs, bluegrass and country riffs, chord options, recording techniques, songwriting tips, to name a few. “Our members always come away excited by something new they’ve learned,” Guitar League co-founder Dick Ward states.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their acoustic guitar, capo and tuner if they have one. A prospective member’s first meeting is always free to test-drive the organization. Membership is \$75 per year for 12 monthly meetings (average \$6/meeting). The Phoenix chapter of Guitar League is the seventh chapter of the Syracuse-based organization, formed in 2005. Other chapters are located in central Massachusetts; southern Wisconsin; Knoxville, TN; Asheville, NC; Poconos, PA and Syracuse, NY.



## IF YOU GO

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**When:** 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

Sign in and registration starts 6:30.

**NOTE:** Plz verify each month's date via the GL website below

**Where:** Courtyard Marriott West Avondale, 1650 N. 95th Lane.

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