

Neighborhood News

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MacDonald's Ranch Pumpkin Patch - 26540 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
\$10 entrance fee per person on weekdays, \$15 per person on Saturdays and Sundays, one year old and younger are free. Bring one can of food or nonperishable item for donation to Desert Mission Food Bank and receive \$1 off (limit one discount per person). Children 12 months and younger admitted free. Admission price includes petting zoo, hay maze, panning for gold, western games, hayride and/or train ride to and from the pumpkin patch. Pony rides will be \$3 for 1 ride or \$5 for 2 rides. Pumpkin prices vary by size. In 2014: October 1 - 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily Wednesdays through Mondays, closed Tuesdays. (closes at 1 p.m. on Halloween)

Pumpkin Patch at Mother Nature's Farm - 1663 E. Baseline Rd., Gilbert
Pumpkin Patch is stocked with fresh pumpkins daily, ranging from 1 ounce to 500 pounds at a family owned farm. Did you grow a huge pumpkin? Register for the Pumpkin Weigh-Off for cash prizes. Pumpkin weigh-off October 4, 2014, winners announced at noon. \$10 per child includes an OZ pumpkin, an individual bag of stickers, decorating your pumpkin, the air bounce, a hayride, straw bounce, feeding the animals and Alexander's Adventure Maze. Adults are \$3 to tag along and ride the hayride. In 2014: October 1 - 31

Rocker 7 Farm Patch - 19601 W. Broadway Road, Buckeye
Choose between a .3 mile and 1.5 mile Corn Maze. Pick the perfect pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. Sunflower field, Hay ride, Educational barn with jumping pillow, tractor tire playground, barrel train, corn seed and cotton seed boxes, straw bale maze, straw bale pyramid. Concessions include roasted corn and kettlecorn cooked in-house, vendors for snow cones, brick fire pizza and bison burgers. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. \$9, children in diapers free. In 2014: October 11 - 31

Schnepf Farms Pumpkin and Chili Party - 24810 Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek
At the Schnepf Farms Pumpkin & Chili Party, activities include hayrides, roller coaster, swinging lady bug, honeybee adventure, flying farmers ride, carousel rides, jumping pillows, petting zoo, country road rally, rock climbing wall, miniature golf, bonfires, marshmallow roasting, 4 acre corn maze, 10 acre corn maze, farmhouse museum, Hillbilly Bob's Pig Races, Entertainment, BMX Extreme Sports Show, Extreme Canine Dog Show. Fireworks show on Friday and Saturday nights. Train rides, pony rides, food, pumpkins and some crafts have an extra fee. \$17 per person. In 2014: Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October

Tolmachoff Farms Pumpkin Days & Corn Maze - 5726 N. 75th Avenue, Glendale
A 6-acre family corn maze (search for pieces of your map as you walk through), mini corn maze (perfect for little ones), petting zoo, train ride, hay pyramid, farm theme activities (corn grinder-grind corn to feed chickens), play area (corn box, adult/child pedal cart track). Admission \$9 each ages 2 and up, includes family & mini maze, petting zoo, play areas, bounce house (bounce house weekends only). Extra charge for train ride (weekends only). Check online for discount coupon. In 2014: October 1 through November 9 except Mondays and Tuesdays in November. Open on Columbus Day.

Vertuccio Farms - 4011 S. Power Rd. Mesa
Admission price includes Corn Maze; Extreme Air Pillow; Giant Tube Slide; Mini Hay Maze (for young children); Pumpkin Patch (pumpkins priced as marked); Pedal Race Cars; Barrel Train Ride; Farm Animals; Bounce House; Playground. New in 2014: mule rides, grain train. \$9 per person, ages 2 and younger free when accompanied by a paying adult. A Season Pass is \$22 per person and includes unlimited access to the Fall Festival without black-out dates. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. In 2014: September 27 - November 2

Business tip of the month:

Take a few minutes and write a hand written note to a client. It could be a thank you note, a birthday card, or just to say hello. This makes you stand out from the normality of email and voice mail.

Thank you



HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

Get ready for trick-or-treating with these nuggets of information.

- Trick-or-treating harks back to the Middle Ages and All Souls' Day, when poor people in Britain would beg for soul cakes, a sweet-bread treat, and pray for dead relatives in return.
- When trick-or-treating first became popular in the United States in the 1800s, more children played mischievous pranks than asked for candy. By the 1950s, though, the focus had switched to good old family fun, with sugar-hyped children dressed in costumes.
- The candy-collecting tradition has spread from the United States to Canada, Australia, and Western Europe, where more and more little goblins now trick-or-treat. In parts of England, children carry lanterns called punkies (which look like jack-o'-lanterns) and parade through the town on the last Thursday of October. In Ireland, rural neighborhoods light bonfires, and children play snap apple, in which they try to take a bite from apples that are hung by strings from a tree or a door frame.
- Chocolate makes up about three-quarters of a trick-or-treater's loot, according to the National Confectioners Association.
- In the event that the spoils aren't scarfed down whole hog, separate chocolate out and keep it in a cool, dark, dry place. Milk chocolate is good for no more than 8 to 10 months, while dark lasts up to two years. Hard candy will also keep in a cool, dry place for about a year. Store soft candies in a covered dish away from direct heat and light. Enjoy them within six months.

Happy Halloween

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