

Family F.Y.I.

Horse Around

Help raise funds for Horseneck Equine Youth Program, an equestrian riding camp for local children who have an interest in equestrian activities but lack the financial means to participate, and the Scottsdale Charros' intramural sports program for middle school students by attending the 5th Annual 1st Pitch Event at Westworld.

Participants enjoy a variety of activities including mechanical bull riding, dance lessons, roping, live music by Mogollon and bidding on one-of-a-kind items. Silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 8 p.m. and music at 9 p.m. \$125 (includes all food and drinks). Call 480-990-2977 for tickets.

Safety Alert

Even the most cautious parent has lost sight of a child at least once. Thanks to the In-Reach Child Tracking System, parents can keep an eye and ear out for their child and minimize the chances of their loved one getting lost or abducted.

This triple alert system warns the parent if the child leaves a preset boundary between 10 and 300 feet. An alarm sounds if the child pushes the panic button or if the unit is removed from the child. In-Reach comes with a parent monitor that easily attaches to a purse, diaper bag or belt, and a child unit that comes with a lightweight, adjustable sensor belt that goes around the child's waist. Retail: \$199.99 at department and children's stores.



Quick Fix

When Richelle Nassos' son was stung by a bee, she panicked and searched through every book she owned for a fearless way to treat a scared child's bee sting. The process delayed the treatment, which made her realize that every home should have a comprehensive first aid kit with a quick reference guide that is parent and child friendly.

After conducting focus groups on what parents and experts thought should be in such a kit, Nassos and her husband developed the MediBag. Features include a quick action first aid flip chart, instructional CD on safety proofing the home, children's first aid products, a design that presents a kid-

friendly, "sting-free" approach to first aid and CPR and first-aid training opportunity for better awareness. The bag's focus is on safety, awareness and education and includes a user-friendly link to up-to-date recalls. \$29.95 at www.me4kidz.com or call 480-444-2322. A portion of the proceeds is donated to children's organizations.



Tee Time

You could be one of the more than 150 lucky golf enthusiasts to tee up with local and national celebrities for the February 10 Dan Majerle Celebrity Golf Classic at the Phoenixian Golf Club. Majerle, former Phoenix Suns' forward, hosts the event, which raises funds for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. Additional celebrity participants include Alvin Adams, Dave Burba, Rich Camarillo, Vinny Del Negro, Steve Holden, Tim Kempton, Lynn Larson, Jocelyn Lemieux.

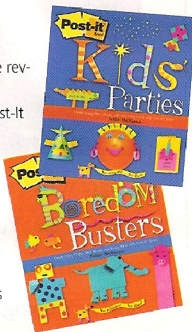
The event begins with registration and breakfast at 9 a.m. and ends with dinner and awards at 5 p.m. Call 480-344-5681 for information, fees, registration; or visit www.bgcs.org.



Post-It!

Debbie MacKinnon and Post-It have revolutionized how kids do arts and crafts with two great new kits: Post-It Boredom Busters and Post-It Kids Parties.

With Boredom Busters, kids create crazy crafts, mad models and funny faces. Kids Parties comes with instructions for making funny hats, groovy gifts and crazy cards. Best of all, neither kit requires scissors or messy glue – everything is created with colorful Post-It notes that are already cut to size. Easy to use instructions for making puppets, animals, masks, butterflies and more keep kids busy for hours! \$7.95 each at department stores, bookstores and office supply outlets.



Focus on Wildlife

Recent studies show American students being passed by their peers in other nations when it comes to math and science test scores.

Now, Arizona teachers and homeschooling parents have a great new resource to help kids learn more about science and the natural world through the environmental educational lessons available online from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The new curriculum is called Focus Wild Arizona. Check out the site's newest unit on mountain lions at www.azgdf.gov/focuswild, where free lessons can be downloaded.

Emphasis is on hands-on projects that get kids involved.

By Allison Ballin



For recalls, visit www.azparenting.com. Click on "Feature Articles" or "Previous Month" and then "Feature Articles" to read monthly F.Y.I.s, which contain recall information.