M M M Quick Answers/Details for people who want information!!

MMM is on *SATURDAY, June 9th*; 8:00am to 2pm @ Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Rd in Scottsdale.
We are still securing sponsors for the 37th annual event—Send your potential sponsors our way!
FIRST! *How old are the children you are bringing to MMM?* *(refer to age key at right)*

AGE KEY

If they are over 7 years, see: ✶

If they are under 7 years, see: ☺

If they are both ages, see: ➘

✶ **"Registration"** starts at 8:00 am. Legal parents or guardians need to sign the children's permission slip.

✶ **7-17 yr olds** can register between 8:00am and 12:00pm for the Original Mud Obstacle course. **Registration** consists of lining up at the start line, in their respective age group lines. THE FIRST races will begin @ 8:00am, and 7-12 yr olds, and 13-17 year olds will ALTERNATE running through the mud course. For example: TWO to THREE heats of –12 year olds (3 children in a "heat") will run through the course; followed by a heat of 13-17 year olds. *Two or three heats of the younger ages because we generally have 1000+ 7-12 yr olds that participate* in **The Original Mud Course**. This way, parents with children in two or more age groups, do not necessarily have to spend all day @ MMM to allow their children an opportunity to run the Original Mud Obstacle course. **(ONLY ONE TIME THROUGH THE COURSE PER CHILD!!)** ***EVERYONE needs a permission slip...***

✶ **EVERYONE WINS** NO RIBBONS this year...the children can compete against each other for fun!

✶ ✶ ***THIS YEAR*!! ADULTS RUN THE COURSE between 12 and 2pm/June 9th, for $10!! *SIGN UP!***

There are other things for ALL the kids to enjoy as well:

➘ **MUD PITS!!** We will have MUDPITS just for the children to play in…We will have 3 mud pits, one for the Little ones (6 and younger,) one for 7-12 year olds and one for 13 and older **NO THROWING MUD!!**

☺ **WATER PLAY AREA:** Water play area will run from 8:00 to 2pm. This year there will be Water play with a splashground area for THE KIDS YOUNGER THAN 7. *THERE ARE NO WATERSLIDES ON THE HILL THIS YEAR!*

➘ **7 & OLDER WATERPLAY AREA: 7 YEARS AND OLDER CAN PARTICIPATE IN SOME LARGE WATERSLIDES, & WATER TAG**

➘ **Sandcastle building** in the playground, where children can build sandcastles. (shade canopies in the area)

➘ **The pool will also be open from 10am to 2pm, with a CLEAN SWIMSUIT, and $1 admission**

➘ **EVENT IS FREE.** Please bring a non-perishable food item (something like a box of macaroni, LIGHT for us to carry; preferably not a can of food,) for Vista del Camino Food Bank, or a pair of old eyeglasses for Lions Club. (there will be containers to place the food or glasses in, at parking areas, and at Registration areas)

➘ **CLEANUP** of children: **YES, the children will be WASHED off!!! Scottsdale Firefighters come out and wash off all the muddy children! Portable showers put together by our awesome city plumbers will help wash off the mud, in addition to **"KIDWASHES"** the plumbers made for participants. *Thank you to our awesome city plumbers and Scottsdale Firefighters!*

☺ **MINI-MUD OBSTACLE course** FOR THE KIDS YOUNGER THAN 7 (Approximately 1 yr old to 6 yr olds will enjoy this area.) Parents, please fill out a permission slip for your child, even if you and your child are just participating in this area. You may have to stand in line, as this is a popular part of MMM.

☺ **MUDVILLE TOWN**---Our town of mud, with the Mudsissippi River & lots of fun; which the TINY TOTS enjoy.

☺ **LOTS of misters in the area, buckets, toys, bubbles, inflatable animals, beach balls** Plus all the things indicated above, in the bold print, & marked with the ➘ symbol. ---it should be really fun for all the little ones.

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➘ **SUGGESTION: Parents should send their child in grubby clothes and lace up or velcro tennis shoes--not expensive Runners/tennis shoes**. We suggest parents go to a discount store, to get a pair of runners that they don't mind throwing away after the event. **No Crocs or Sandals please.** Slip-on shoes, such as aqua socks, "slip off" in the very first mud pit, so are not recommended. We also suggest parents send sunscreen with their child, although we will have some on hand, and will have volunteers checking to be sure children have water/sunscreen/etcetera. **If parents or guardians are bringing children, you can fill out a permission slip that morning. You can also pick up a permission slip from one of the parks, sign it, and bring it with you, with your child on the day of the event.**

➘ ***PLEASE* bring your patience.** There may be some "waiting in line" as this is a popular event. We will do our best to keep you & your child cool while you wait. Please pack a little extra patience that day for the children, so it will be fun for everyone.

PARKING!! There will be additional parking available (please see attached map) so there should be plenty of room for everyone to come to the event! We are parking on the east/west soccerfield right as you enter Jackrabbit off Hayden, and there will be some parking in the south end of Chaparral Park. Additional parking will be at Saguaro High School, along with shuttles/busses. Although there will be many people at this event, there will be more opportunity to park fairly close to the event; as people will be "coming and going" all day long. If the areas on the park fill up; we will also be providing shuttles at Saguaro High School. There will be directional signage on the streets to direct you there; and it is also indicated on the map. ****IF YOU DRIVE, PLEASE be respectful of our neighbors, and *do not block driveways***….we want to be a good neighbor to nearby residents. We appreciate their patience and tolerance of our event parking that day.

SPONSORS: City of Scottsdale **Solid Waste Services** and **Parks & Recreation** will be focusing on RECYCLING at the 37th annual Mighty Mud Mania event!! **Promotional sponsors include: SRP-Safety Connection, Radio Disney, Salt River Landfill and ClifKid.** PLEASE thank the sponsors, or give them your business, we and they would appreciate it. Several vendors will sell snacks, soda, juices, snow cones, hot dogs, etc; so please send money with your child. We'll do our very best to have MUCH WATER & keep everyone hydrated, but please remind your children to drink! ***THIS** year we want to focus on recycling in our partnership with Scottsdale Solid Waste!

OTHER QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:

--SHADE? We will provide shade in as many "bleachered" areas as we can. There will be water available for everyone at many locations, to prevent heat exhaustion.
If you want to bring your own shade, as long as it is 10'x10' or less, you are welcome to!

--SHOULD CHILDREN WEAR GOGGLES? **NO-**they don't work. We'll have "sprayers" throughout the course, & can spray out the kids eyes if/when needed

--CAN I RUN THROUGH THE COURSE WITH MY CHILD? (**NO**--HOWEVER, this is our FIRST YEAR to allow adults to run between 12noon and 2pm; for a $10 fee!! You must complete a permission slip and register PRIOR TO THE EVENT day. Log on to our website for all the details if YOU want to run the Original Mighty Mud Mania obstacle course! (or if your children want to see you run it…..)

You MAY go through the mini mud course with your child under 6 years.

--**WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS DISABILITY RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS?**
Call us, we're happy to consider your request. (Call 480–312-2598)

--**SATURDAY?? YOU USED TO HAVE THIS ON FRIDAY??** **Yes, after 35 years on Friday, we had it on Saturday the past three years, and many more families were able to bring their children….. We invite you to bring your children, grandchildren to this traditional valley event.**

?QUESTIONS? Call us @ **(480) 312-0217**or **(480) 312-2771** Leave a message, we'll get back to you.
Website: http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/mightymudmania or you can e-mail Terickson@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or dmiller@scottsdaleaz.gov

➘ **We hope to see you ALL on SATURDAY, JUNE 9th. Please see attached "PLACES TO PARK" sheet and call us if you need any further information!!**