



City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Sports Complex
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Scottsdale, AZ 85255



FBR OPEN 2010

In 2010, Scottsdale's premier golf tournament, the FBR Open, will move from its traditional Super Bowl weekend slot to late February.

Officials say the temporary change was driven by factors including the new PGA Tour television contract, title sponsor requirements, and network schedules and commitments, including the 2010 Winter Olympics. The 2010 dates are February 22 -28.

"From a tournament and fans' perspective, there are many positives about this date change," said Thunderbirds Big Chief Pat McGinley. "We certainly have the possibility of having an even better field than usual because we'll follow the Accenture Match Play Championship. In addition, we will have more daylight to play and less chance of frost. This also means we will have more pro-am spots available to be sold, which adds up to more money for local charities. Not to mention, we'll actually get to watch the Super Bowl."

(Phoenix Business Journal)

The Golf Tournament date change will affect sports field reservations from January through March. As in the past, the basketball court, playground and pathways will be available for drop-in on a limited basis during these months.



Bajada
Nature
Trail
at the Gateway



The Bajada Nature Trail is a first for Scottsdale -- an innovative nature experience accessible to anyone who would like to learn more about Arizona's unique Sonoran Desert. Along this half-mile trail, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in nature, enjoying interactive displays that engage them with the environment. The trail is barrier free, allowing members of the disabled community to experience the most diverse habitat in the Sonoran Desert. Bajada means "below the mountains," where hundreds of species of desert animals make their home and desert trees and plants thrive.

The Bajada Nature Trail was made possible through a donation from the Richard and Christine Kodach Family to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. The donation was used to provide the resources needed to create the trail, as well as the funds necessary to fabricate the leading edge signage along the trail.

A series of special events are planned through October in celebration of McDowell Sonoran Month and the 15th Anniversary of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

For a list of community-wide events in celebration of this milestone, visit www.mcdowellsonoran.org or call (480) 998-7971.



The General Plan Update – Why You Should Care

You've likely heard about a General Plan Update, but just what is it . . . and why should you care?

The General Plan Update is our collective vision for how we want the community to evolve during the next 10 to 20 years.

Imagine taking a road trip across the country and not having a map to help find your way. The same theory applies to a city. The General Plan acts as guide. It's important because it affects how the community looks and feels, and how it will meet future needs. It provides clear direction to the future of our city, just as a map would provide clear direction on how to get from Scottsdale to your desired destination.

Arizona State law requires that communities with more than 2,500 residents adopt a General Plan. The Growing Smarter Acts require Arizona cities to update their plan every 10 years. The plan is designed to be broad and flexible so that it can adapt to a changing community.

Go online now and fill out a questionnaire – www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/generalplan/update. We want to hear from you – after all, this is YOUR community. Define your vision for it!

For more information about the General Plan Update, visit www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/generalplan/update or contact Sr. Planner Carrie Wilhelme at (480) 312-2205.

Park Progress

Throughout the year, the Scottsdale Sports Complex has received a few improvements. The maintenance crew have worked diligently to minimize the affects of vehicular parking on the turf areas and improve drainage in the “drop-in” goal area.

In conjunction with parallel drainage, a twenty foot hurricane drain was installed just north of the basketball court to reduce standing water following heavy rains.



To minimize rut damage and assist turf stability, geotextile grass-pave was installed on the east side of field 6. This is an entrance drive for vehicles parking on the west fields during the FBR Open. GeoPave is a high density polyethylene product, is installed sub-soil, covered with sand and then concealed with grass. It creates a load bearing, permeable surface for vehicular traffic.



FIFA World Cup Soccer



As part of a national campaign to bring FIFA World Cup soccer to the U.S. in 2018 or 2022, the Arizona Sports Alliance is asking local sports fans to participate in an online petition drive.

The USA Bid Committee is hoping to collect 500,000 online signatures nationwide, and the Arizona Sports Alliance’s goal is 50,000 signatures from Arizona. To participate visit www.goUSAbid.com.

The Phoenix metropolitan area is one of 27 potential host communities selected to advance to the next stage in the bid process, should the U.S. be awarded the event in 2018 or 2022. The next bid phase includes live presentations in New York in November.

Every time you make a purchase or patronize a business, you are exercising your power of choice. Did you know that every time you choose a business in Scottsdale, your purchase goes to preserve the outstanding quality of life that makes Scottsdale such a wonderful place to live, work, play and visit.



Your purchase helps the City of Scottsdale preserve parks and recreation centers, fill libraries with books and research materials and provide the police and fire services that keep our community safe.

When you purchase outside of our community, your money stays there . . . outside of our community. Shopping in Scottsdale is a sound investment that generates immediate benefits – for you and your neighbors.

So exercise your power of choice . . . **Shop Scottsdale.**
You want it, we got it. Scottsdale! It's all here.

Fall 2009 activities and events...

October 3 - 4 2009 UPA Southwest Regionals



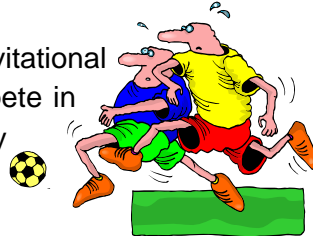
Valley of the Sun Ultimate Frisbee League will host this 2-day tournament. Winners will qualify for the National Championships. Adult teams competing in the tournament represent the top teams for California, Colorado and Hawaii. Divisions include Masters, Mixed (co-ed), Open, and Women's. Come check out this fast-paced, high flying game!

October 9-11 Sereno Pro Classic Invitational Tournament



SSC is Tournament Headquarters for the 2009 event. Over 180 boys & girls soccer teams from Arizona, Nevada, Utah, California, Washington, Colorado, Texas, Idaho, and New Mexico are expected to compete. Don't miss the action!

October 30 - Nov 1 North Scottsdale Invitational Youth teams from around the valley will compete in U7 to U19 age groups throughout the 3-day soccer event.



November 6-8 The 26th Annual Patriot's Cup



MSC United is proud to have hosted this youth soccer tournament since 1984. Over 150 youth soccer teams are expected to compete in this year's tournament. Come out and watch some terrific youth soccer!

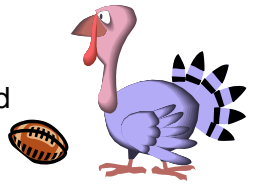
November 27 & 29 Thanksgiving Tournament Elite Pros Soccer Club will host the 30th annual event with International teams traveling to Arizona to compete with teams from across the southwest. Boys '94 Elite Division winner will travel to Brazil to compete in the 2010 Soccer Cup Tournament.



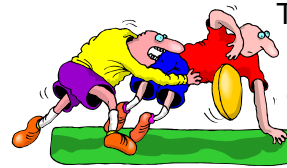
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November 28 Flag Football 4 vs 4 Turkey Bowl

Four person teams will compete in the all day tournament. Division will included both youth and adults. Come out and watch the high flying, fast action of flag football.



December 5 The 18th annual Wild West Rugby Fest



Teams and Rugby fanatics return to Scottsdale Sports Complex from around the country to compete in this full-contact tournament. Mark your calendar for some hard hitting action!

December 11-13 Holiday Classic Tournament

Youth teams U8 through U14 will participate in this tournament. Come and join in the fun as some of the best young teams meet for a weekend of great soccer!



December 19 Notre Dame Prep Classic

Over thirty High School soccer teams will take the fields during this multi day competition. Games will be begin on December 19 and reconvene on December 31. The tournament format is a round robin with the playoff matches scheduled for Jan 2.



Scottsdale Sports Complex hosts a variety of youth soccer, football and lacrosse practices and games. An Ultimate Frisbee adult league competes on Friday nights. Saturday and Sunday is busy with practices, scrimmages and games for a variety of flat field sport teams in addition to a number of adult soccer leagues who utilize all ten fields throughout the day.