

M M M QUICK ANSWERS/DETAILS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT INFORMATION!!



MMM is on *FRIDAY, July 17th*; 8:30am to 2pm
at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Rd in Scottsdale.

**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 8:30 am. Legal parents or guardians need to sign the children's permission slip.

★ **7-17 YR OLDS** can register between 8:30am and 1:30pm 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 @ 8:30am, and 7 & 8 yr olds, 9 & 10 yr olds, 11-12 yr olds, and 13-17 year olds will ALTERNATE running through the mud course. For example: TWO heats of 7 & 8 year olds (3 children in a "heat") will run through the course; followed by a heat of 9 & 10 and 11-12 yr olds; then a heat of 13-17 year olds. *Two heats of 7 & 8 yr olds run, because we generally have 1000+ 7&8 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** We will be awarding ribbons to everyone who participates in the Original Mud Obstacle Course. EACH HEAT will be a "race," and the children in that heat will be given participant ribbons. In past years, afternoon races had less participants; so children can line up to run in the big mud course ANY TIME between 8:30am & 1:30pm. They don't necessarily need to wait in the bigger lines that generally occur in the morning.

★ **MUDPITS!!** We will have MUDPITS just for the children to play in...We will have at least two mudpits, one for the Little ones (6 and younger, and one for the older mud enthusiasts) **NO THROWING MUD!!**

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

➡ **GIANT WATERSLIDES**, which will run from 8:30 to 2pm. This year there will be at least 3 waterslides, and at least one, **just for the 6 years and younger age group.**

➡ **SANDCASTLE BUILDING** in the playground, where children can build sandcastles. (We will have shade canopies over the sand)

➡ **FREE Swim** at the pool, if you bring a clean swimsuit!! It will begin at 11 am & last till 3pm ***CLEAN SWIM SUITS REQUIRED** for entry in the pool area!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** (must shower before entering pool) *No t-shirts/shorts are allowed to be worn over swimsuits in the pool!*

➡ **GIANT WATER CANNON:** Provided by Water Movers. *This will help keep everyone cool!!*

➡ **THE 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 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 provided by **BRADLEY** & our awesome city plumbers will help wash off the mud as well!)

😊 **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 their expensive runner/tennis shoes. We suggest parents go to a discount store, Salvation Army, or a store like that; to get a pair of runners that they don't mind throwing away after the event. **No Crocs or Teva's**, please. Slip-on shoes, such as aqua socks, tend to "slip off" in the very first mud pit. **Children MUST bring a CLEAN swimsuit and towel** if they want to participate in the swim. 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. If you are not accompanying your child, please pick up a permission slip from one of the parks, sign it, and send it with your child on the day of the event.**

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➡ **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! Some parking will be in the south end of Chaparral Park, & additional parking at Mohave Middle 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 Mohave Middle School. There will be directional signage on the streets to direct you there; and it is also indicated on the map. We are doing our best to provide 7:30am to 3:30pm SHUTTLING to MOHAVE school parking lot, every 10-15 minutes. ****IF YOU DRIVE, PLEASE be respectful of our neighbors, and do not block driveways**....we want MMM to be a good neighbor to nearby residents. We appreciate their patience and tolerance of our event parking that day.

SPONSORS: McKESSON is our Title Sponsor this year!! Thank you McKesson!! Assisting sponsors include Hanson Aggregates & Heritage Trucking, and Arizona's Tooth Doctor for Kids. Promotional sponsors include SRP-Safety Connection, Abatix, Universal Fog Misting systems, ClifKids. If there is any way for you to thank the sponsors, or give them your business, they'd appreciate it (& hopefully sponsor next year!) Several vendors will sell snacks, soda, juices, 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! ****Again this year we want to GREEN UP the event as much as possible, including providing recycling.** Our sponsor "CLIF BARS/ClifKids," will be assisting us with this **GREENING UP** of Mighty Mud Mania

OTHER QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:

--**SHADE?** We will provide shade in as many "bleached" 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--once they are covered with mud, they won't be able to clean them off! 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--We do allow leaders/adults to run through the course AFTER all the children are done, **provided they fill out a permission slip/waiver form.** Parents aren't permitted to run through the course with their children.)

You MAY go thru 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.

--**WHY IS THE EVENT ON A FRIDAY?? I HAVE TO WORK?!** They're your children!! Ask in advance if you can have that day off to be with them! We hold the event on a Friday, as many of the summer programs throughout the valley hold summer camps, and can bring their groups of children on Friday. It is also better for the environment to "bus" groups of children over to the event; and most of the summer programs van/bus the children to MMM. We encourage parents who do have the opportunity, to take that Friday off to spend at MMM with their child(ren). *We would love to have this event for TWO DAYS, (Friday & Saturday,) but just do not have the funding to do so. If you have any contacts for funding, particularly sponsors who would benefit from the many children at this event, please be sure to call us, or refer them to us.*

?ANY QUESTIONS?

Call us @ (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

➡ We hope to see you ALL on Friday, July 18th. Please see attached "PLACES TO PARK" sheet and call us if you need any further information!!