GLENDALE INDEPENDENT

Teddy Bear Day making way back to Glendale

17th annual event takes place downtown



[COURTESY PHOTO]

Kaylee Castro, 11, is ready for the 17th annual Teddy Bear Day on Saturday, Sept. 11, in Glendale.

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IF YOU GO
What: Teddy Bear Day
When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11
Where: Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures, 5836 W. Palmaire Ave., Glendale
More Information: Visit visitdowntownglendale.com or call 623-299-2060

The 17th annual Teddy Bear Day event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in Historic Downtown Glendale.

This free, family event features make-and-take arts and crafts and bear-themed activities and treats.

Begin at the Arizona Information Center Booth located at Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures, 5836 W. Palmaire Ave., to pick up the event map and visit with Al the Bear who will appear 10 a.m.-noon. Then, hop on the cool and comfortable event shuttle sponsored by Interstate Packaging Group, Inc., to travel throughout the downtown area to visit boutique stores, specialty shops and downtown eateries for special offers, discounts and activities (some have a nominal fee) including decorating a chocolate bear at Cerreta Candy Company and Arizona Search Dogs demonstrations at Bears & More.

All shuttle riders will receive a free taffy pulling kit courtesy of Cerreta Candy Company.

In addition, Glendale Fire Department and Glendale Police Department vehicles will be on display in the Catlin Court retail district.

“We realize the importance of this fateful date and have discussed with first responders who provided us with the assurance that there is no better place to be than with the community on this date,” Bears & More owner and Teddy Bear Day event founder Valerie Burner stated in a news release.

An important part of the event is the charity drive to benefit the Trauma Teddy Program. Bears & More, at 7146 N. 58th Drive, will be selling safety-approved teddy bears for $10. These bears will be donated directly to the Glendale Fire Department, Glendale Police Department, local emergency rooms and the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

These first responder organizations give the bears to children who are experiencing traumatic situations. The cuddly bears help comfort the child and assists the first responders in

providing needed assistance and treatment to the child. More than 10,000 bears have been provided to the Trauma Teddy Program since the beginning of Teddy Bear Day.

This event is sponsored by Bears & More, Interstate Packaging Group, Inc., and the Historic Downtown Glendale Merchants Association in partnership with the Historic Downtown business community.

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