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**GLENDALE CELEBRATES NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY**  
*Event for teddy bear enthusiasts to celebrate their collections.*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Historic Downtown Glendale is proud to celebrate National Teddy Bear Day on Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. In honor of this annual event, several shops and the Glendale Office of Tourism have joined together to offer a very "beary" special day.

The day will begin at the Glendale Visitor Center (5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140) - where participants will pick up a Teddy Bear pack, filled with lots of goodies and discounts to shops and restaurants in the Historic Downtown area. Participants will then head outside to follow the Teddy Bear Trail which includes the following:

- Beary Special Shop Discounts
- Photos with your favorite Teddy Bear (free polaroid)
- Teddy Bear Day Tea at Kimberly Ann's (\$22-Prepaid)
- Face Painter
- Make and Take Arts & Crafts (for a nominal fee)
- Free Trolley Rides
- Bear themed prize wheel at the Visitor Center
- Many shops will have special bear items for sale
- Bring in your favorite shirt and for only \$10 you can have it embroidered with a bear design (at Miracle Haven)
- Refreshments
- Beary Good Ice Cream Social at The Country Maiden (proceeds to benefit the Glendale Fire Dept. Trauma Teddies Program)
- Decorate a chocolate Teddy Bear at Cerreta Candy Company (\$4)

The Visitor Center will also be accepting donations of new Teddy Bears (12" or less in size) to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddies Program. The Glendale Fire Department keeps a few new teddy bears on each truck to soothe children who have been involved in a traumatic incident. The



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teddies are given to children who have been injured, or involved in an auto accident, or if they have witnessed a traumatic event. In every case, the child is comforted and distracted by a friendly, huggable new companion. All of the teddy bears are donated by civic groups, schools, or private citizens.

Contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 for more information or visit

[www.visitglendaleaz.com](http://www.visitglendaleaz.com).

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