

Black Friday Shopping Guide

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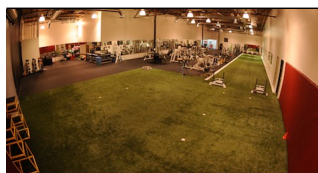


Black Friday seems to be a holiday these days. Each year the sales begin earlier as Black Friday slowly converts to Black Thursday. Savvy consumers line-up outside stores immediately after loading up on turkey and mashed potatoes to await the tradition of early morning shopping. While many participate in scoping out some of the greatest discounts, others seek to avoid the lines of discounted electronics at Best Buy, and the rush of retailer sales at Target. For college students, Black Friday is the ideal time for holiday shopping. Here is a handy list of markdown happenings around the Valley composed of numerous “must-haves” for this holiday season.



To avoid turkey leftovers

Waking up at 5 a.m. to rush to the nearest mall isn't for everyone. Why not sleep in late and avoid the turmoil of the early morning rush? I propose sleeping off the turkey hangover and heading over to K.I.S.S. Pizza & Beef Joint for a late lunch on Friday afternoon. The newest pizza addition to Old Town Scottsdale is offering BOGO (buy one, get one free) pizza slices all day Black Friday. Also, for those feeling especially hungry, guests who indulge in two New York style pizzas will be given a third one for free. On Black Friday, K.I.S.S. is open 11 a.m. – 3 a.m. 7117 E. 3rd Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ, 85251, 480-258-6699. kisspizzajoint.com



To jump-start your workout regimen

For those who over-indulged during Thanksgiving dinner, head to Zone Athletic Performance on Black Friday morning from 9 a.m. –10 a.m. for a free group workout. Zone is opening its doors to all individuals of the public to workout in their state-of-the-art gym for free. Since it is the season of giving, any donations that are contributed towards the free workout session will benefit a local charity. Zone is located at 15820 N. 84th Street #110, Scottsdale, AZ, 85260, 480-998-9663. zoneathleticperformance.com



To begin creating holiday gifts

Creating holiday gifts adds the personal touch to make any present thoughtful with a unique one-of-a-kind spin. At Make Meaning, customers can choose from a variety of activities including: cake decorating, ceramics, candles, glass, jewelry, soap, and paper. On Black Friday, Make Meaning is offering 25 percent off all creative experiences. The shop will also be offering deals on retail toys. Make Meaning enthusiasts can

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become a member for \$36/year. The creative workshop is located at Scottsdale Quarter. To find make meaning visit them at 15257 N. Scottsdale Road Building F, Ste 160, Scottsdale, AZ, 85254, 480-845-0000. makemeanings.com



To begin winter shopping

Shopping for the best fashion deals on Black Friday is a necessity. Luckily, H&M at Scottsdale Fashion Square opens at 6 a.m. From clothing to accessories for men and women, H&M offers the latest fashion trends of the season. With sweaters and dresses starting at \$5, outerwear beginning at \$15, and pants as low as \$10—you are sure to discover the deals on all the latest apparel. Don't forget to arrive early though; the first 100 people in line will receive a scratch-off with a potential value of \$300. 7014 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale, AZ, 85281, +1-855-466-7467. www.hm.com



To tickle your funny bone

If you visit Stand-Up Scottsdale online from midnight to midnight on Black Friday enter the promo code "Black Friday" to receive a 4-pack of tickets for only \$20. These tickets are good for any comedy show they offer with no expiration date. If you are struggling with a gift idea this holiday, this is an excellent alternative to the mundane giftcard. 6820 E. 5th Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ, 85251 480-882-0730. www.standupscottsdale.com



To get your caffeine fix

If you are starting your shopping right after the turkey feast Thursday night, a cup of coffee may be essential. Starbucks Coffee at Paradise Valley Mall opens at 9:30 p.m. Thursday night and will remain open until 9 p.m. Friday evening. Be sure to look out for the baristas throughout the mall giving away free snacks and coffee samples for a boost of energy during your crusade. 4550 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix, AZ, 85032, 602-765-3563. www.starbucks.com
