

Celebrate Father's Day in Style

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The days of giving Dad a tie are over. Father's Day is overshadowed annually by Mother's Day, but it is no less important so take the next two weeks to figure out how to take care of the man that taught you how to work a ratchet set or scared away all your boyfriends.



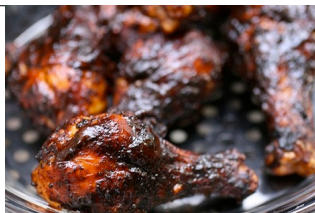
Friday, June 15

Scotch Tasting Event

The Stone Rose Lounge at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess is offering a scotch tasting with Johnnie Walker master distiller from 5 p.m-7 p.m. The \$25 cost covers the tasting as well as his drink of choice. www.fairmont.com

Father-Daughter Tea

Every little girl growing up has her tea parties and it is always in the back of her mind that maybe, one day daddy will join her tea party. The Ritz Carlton at the Biltmore makes that dream a reality by offering seatings at noon and 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday for father and daughter to enjoy each other's company over finger sandwiches, scones and maybe a crumpet or two. All daughters will receive a fresh bouquet of flowers and dad will receive a commemorative, framed photo of his little princess. www.ritzcarlton.com



Saturday

Barbecue Boot Camp

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Even if your dad knows how to man his grill, this class at the Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North will make him forget he knows everything just to attend. Dad will learn the secret to sauces, rubs and special techniques from Executive Chef, Mel Mecinas, and Executive Sous, Chef Jesse Hansen. Also included in this "smokin" deal is complimentary beer from a local brewery, specialty on site hand-rolled cigar as well as golf tips from the pros at Troon North. www.fourseasons.com



Sunday

4th Annual Big Band Concert and Dance

This event is the one that means the most to me. Since my father loves jazz music, I am sure that he would love this event at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort on Sunday from 3 p.m.-7p.m. The former front man for Count Basie, Dennis Rowland will front the Extreme Decibel Big Band and play familiar tunes from Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis, Jr. Tickets for this fundraiser to promote jazz education are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door or spoil him with a room for only \$129 a night which comes with \$100 credit to be used for food, beverages or spa services. That's a grand-daddy of a deal if I ever heard one. www.scottsdaleplaza.com

Arrowhead Grill Free Steak

For those looking for a great cut of meat at an even greater price – FREE; I would make reservations now for Arrowhead Grill in Glendale. Executive Chef, Charles Schwerd, is giving away 25 free steaks for lunch and 25 for dinner for dad with the purchase of an entree. But wait, there's more...this is a \$28 Delmonico steak; he uses the century old recipe from the posh Park Avenue Delmonico Hotel in Manhattan. www.arrowheadgrill.com

Rockin' R Ranch Dinner & Show

If your father has more of a hankerin' for the Old West, saddle up to this deal in Mesa. Guests will receive a chuck wagon style dinner and a show from the local Western music and comedy act, "Rockin' R Wranglers." The party also includes an old-fashioned gunfight near the OK Corral. www.rockinr.net

Free Prime Rib Dinner

If dad prefers a prime rib to the aforementioned steak, Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass is offering a free eight-ounce prime rib with all the fixins' for all dads. No minimum purchase required, just show up and ask for your Father's Day Prime Rib – you've earned it. www.rawhide.com