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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Hosts 5th Annual
“Techathalon” for Valley Youth**

Statewide competition celebrates technology and teamwork for Boys & Girls Club members

October 10, 2007 (Scottsdale, Ariz.) – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale will host the 5th annual Techathalon, a statewide technology competition for all Arizona Club members ages 6 to 18. The all-day event will be held on Saturday, October 27, from 9am to 5pm at the Vestar Branch, located at 3975 E. Lockwood Drive, Phoenix, AZ, 85050.

More than 250 participants from Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the state will work together to demonstrate their technological talents through four challenges: general technology knowledge, graphic design, technical know-how and productivity software mastery. These exciting and hand-on competitions allow members to work together to accomplish technological challenges through learning and teamwork.

The Techathalon was founded in 2003 by NPCE Technology Solutions, a local IT firm, in collaboration with the Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs to provide youth with an opportunity to gain and showcase their technology skills in a fun environment while learning the importance of working together. The learning experience enables participants to share information and ideas about technology and be acknowledged for their accomplishments.

“Techathalon is an engaging program that takes kids through a journey of discovery and learning while having fun,” said Abraham “Ebby” Sabbagh, President of NPCE and one of the founders of the Techathalon. “On the day of the event, kids get together, from all

over Arizona, to share their knowledge and their projects in a friendly competition. After Techathalon, kids leave with a smile on their face and dreams of a bright future.”

In addition to the competitions at the Techathalon, Club members can also explore cutting-edge technology tools in the Exploratorium. The Exploratorium is a fun-filled science, technology, engineering and math carnival that has something for all ages to discover.

Techathalon is sponsored by NPCE and supported by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. Local and international businesses and organizations participating in this year’s Techathalon include Google, The Physics Factory, Intel, Cox Communications, Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, U.S. Forest Service and many more. For more information about Techathalon please visit www.techathalon.com.

About the Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

The Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is made up of 21 organizations comprising 68 Clubs sites across the state. The Alliance operates as an umbrella organization for Arizona Clubs, serving as a mechanism for joint decision-making, communication, sharing of best practices and cooperative action. The Club sites offer programs and services which promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs in Arizona serve over 100,000 kids each year, and that number is growing all the time. Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe place for today’s youth to learn and grow.