

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN



The Great American Prank Contest Gets A Laugh

(NAPSA)—From ice cream and butterscotch that looks like mashed potatoes and gravy to phony tax letters, families are playing jokes on each other and getting lots of laughs this April Fools' Day and year-round.

The mischief can be found at www.familyfun.go.com/aprilfools. The site features a variety of prank categories to choose from including classic pranks, food pranks, and pranks like the phony tax letter that you print out at home. The site also offers the Great American Prank Contest, which encourages families to share some of their best prank stories for a chance to win a digital camera and photo printer.

Serve A Yucky Lunch

The following is a popular food prank you can trick your children with in their packed lunch. It's the kind of sweet prank that most kids will gladly fall for time and again. Simply cut a hole in an apple with an apple corer and insert a gummy worm. Then put the apple in their school lunch.

Hot Chocolate Havoc

Or, you can leave this "hot chocolate" spill on the carpet or couch and listen to everyone exclaim, "Not me!" for a bit before letting your clan in on the secret: dried paint and glue make a believable mess. This project needs to be made several days in advance, but the payoff is well worth it.

Mix 2 tablespoons of tacky glue with about 1 tablespoon of brown acrylic paint (remember that the shade will darken as the glue dries). Drizzle some of the mixture down the inside of a disposable



THE JOKE'S ON YOU—FamilyFun.com features a variety of pranks to tickle the family funny bone.

cup, then lay the cup and a plastic spoon on a cookie sheet covered with plastic wrap.

Pour the rest of the mixture near the cup's edge and onto the spoon, adding a few mini marshmallows (snipped in half for a partially melted look) if you like. Allow the mess to dry for about 3 days, then remove it from the plastic wrap and let it air-dry completely on a protected surface.

The Great American Prank Contest

FamilyFun.com is sponsoring the Great American Prank Contest starting March 1. Visitors to the site are encouraged to enter by submitting the best prank—either a prank that parents have played on their kids or a prank that kids have played on their parents or friends. The prank must be harmless and will be judged on originality, simplicity, and humor. The winner of the contest will win a digital camera and photo printer. Entries must be submitted online by March 25, 2005 at www.familyfun.go.com/aprilfools.