

Sunset Thriller and Fall Fun Fest offer a jump start to Halloween

SEASIDE — Halloween is coming early to Seaside.

Kids can show off their costumes and start celebrating a week early at the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District's annual Sunset Thriller and Fall Fun Fest, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Fall Fun Fest is a carnival that will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, located at 1225 Ave. A. Kids can enjoy a cakewalk, games, cookies and punch, plus music.

A costume contest will be judged at 7 p.m. There are five categories for the contest: infant to 3 years old; 4 to 6 years old; 7 to 9 years



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Kids can go fishing for treats during the Fall Fun Fest carnival.

old; 10 to 12 years old; and 13 and older. The winners for the costume contest will receive prizes.

The hair-raising Sunset Thriller haunted house will take over Sunset Pool from 6 to 9 p.m. The pool is located



The Sunset Thriller haunted house features scary scenes.

at 1140 Broadway. The Thriller is a longstanding tradition of the recreation district that started over 30 years ago.

Recommended for ages 7 and older, the haunted house features dozens of volunteers dressed in costumes to play roles in scary scenes. In

the past, the Thriller has included chilling mermaids, an eerie cemetery, a vampire's lair, a zombie apocalypse, a mad scientist's laboratory and more.

The two Halloween events are free for current Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District pass holders (annual, monthly or three-month passes). For all others, admission is \$2 per person or two cans of food, to be donated to the South Clatsop County Food Bank. A ticket gets patrons into both events and may be purchased at either location. Ages 3 and under are free.

For more information, call 503-738-3311 or visit www.sunsetempire.com

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