



# TRICK OR TREAT!

## MAKE HALLOWEEN A HARMLESS HOLIDAY

Halloween turns most children into ghosts and goblins who are raring to have a howling good time. Parents can help children be safe while keeping the good times brewing by offering their children fun alternatives for this occasion.

Halloween kicks off the seventh annual National PTA Child Safety and Protection Month. During this time, PTA members from across the country focus their efforts on keeping all children safe.

Instead of sending your children into the streets, why not throw a fun-filled and spooky adult-chaperoned Halloween party. Or consider asking your local PTA to host an all-school Halloween bash.

For those whose children do go out trick-or-treating, the PTA suggests the following.

Parents should go trick-or-treating with children or make sure they travel in groups.

Remind them not to talk to or accept rides from strangers and caution children to remain in your neighborhood or apartment complex.

Make sure that your child's costume is safe. Use costumes labeled "flame resistant." Be sure that costumes are short enough to avoid tripping over them.

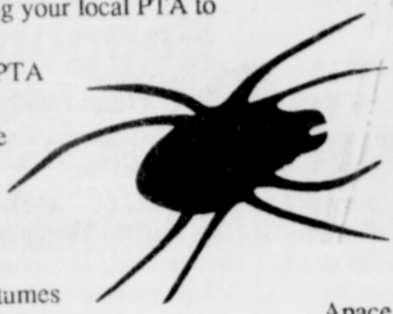
For a truly real masquerade, apply face paint instead of a mask to your child's. Masks can obstruct a child's vision and breathing.

Choose props (magic wands or swords) that are made of cardboard or other soft materials. Avoid props with sharp edges.

Give and accept only wrapped or packaged candy and inspect these treats for possible tampering.

For more information about Child Safety and Protection Month, contact your local PTA.

Founded in 1897, the National PTA is the country's largest child advocacy volunteer group seeking to unite home, school and community to promote the education, health and safety of children, youth and families.



## OREGON COAST AQUARIUM GOES SPOOKY FOR HALLOWEEN!

"It's true," Oregon Coast Aquarium officials have admitted. "Some pretty spooky things are going on down here."

What are they talking about? Preparations for a weird and wonderful, one-of-a-kind Halloween party for youngsters of all ages and their adult escorts on Saturday, October 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. one of Newport's favorite storytellers, Rebecca Cohen, will tell stories in the Aquarium's US West Whale Theater. Afterwards, children and their adult escorts will find fun activities, eerie sights and educational opportunities set up throughout the Aquarium. They'll include a shipwreck in Discovery Bay, a chance to learn about what some of the Aquarium's animals look like by dark, and eerily lit moon jellyfish collection, and much more. Aquarium staff will also help dispel the myths about traditional Halloween animals as best.

Adults as well as children are encouraged to come to the Aquarium in costume. (Since some of the activities will be outdoors, warm clothing is advised.) At the end of the evening both children and adults can join a costume parade in the Aquarium's lobby, and then enjoy punch, cookies and coffee. A raffle will also be held to win a giant pumpkin.

Space for the Aquarium's Halloween party is limited, so preregistration is required by Monday, October 19. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Registration is \$3 per person for Aquarium members and \$5 per person for nonmembers. At least one adult must escort every five children, and adults must remain with their children throughout the event.

To register for the Oregon Coast Aquarium's first Halloween party, call 867-3474, extension 222.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOST "HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE DANCE"

The Urban League Young Professionals will host a "Halloween Masquerade Dance" on Saturday, October 31 from 8 p.m. at the Elk's at 6 N. Tillamook in Portland. Admission is \$5 for members \$8 for non-members.

The dance will feature recorded music by D.J. George, a no-host bar and costume contests. You must be 21 years or older to attend.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the Urban League Young Professionals, and auxiliary of the Urban League of Portland created to provide a forum for social interaction, professional development and community service. For information contact 280-2600.

## A "HAUNTINGLY" GOOD TIME AT THE OREGON HISTORY CENTER

What: Ghosts, goblins and witches walk the listener's imagination as the Portland Storytelling Guild, in conjunction with the Oregon Historical Society, presents tantalizing tales of spectral mayhem on Halloween.

The program, with stories for all ages, will be held in festively bedecked Beaver All. Staff and volunteers will be costumed g-g-g "hosts" and they encourage costumes for those who aren't bashful.

It promises to be an afternoon of "spinechilling" fun for both children and adults. Treats, but no tricks, will be on hand for hungry little goblins.

When: Two sessions, Saturday, October 31, 1 to 1:50pm and 2:05 to 3:00 pm.

Where: The Oregon History Center, Beaver Hall. The History Center is located at 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland.

Admission: The event is free with your paid admission to the History Center. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children over five and free for members and children five and under.

Sponsored by: The Oregon Historical Society

## "JUST US" EVENTS

There is more to Halloween than ghosts and goblins. At the Halloween Scene, a Halloween fair for children. This is the night for fun and friendly little spirits. Bring your little ones and let's have fun!

The Halloween (Safe) Scene's goal is to provide a fun and safe environment for children, as an alternative to the door-to-door trick or treat. Children can play games, sing songs and enjoy hands on activities; face painting, apple bobbing, and a cupcake walk are planned. Over a dozen activity tables will be open for the children's enjoyment. A table for parents and chaperons will be set up with tea, coffee, and cookies. Adults are free, a child's ticket is \$2.00 One free cotton candy with each admission. Open 3:00 - 8:00PM. Sponsored by "Just Us" Events

For further information: (503) 331-1931.

## EVENT FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN!

The Gilbert House Children's Museum - Salem. Celebrate Halloween at The Gilbert House Children's Museum on Saturday, October 31 between 1 and 4. Experience the mystifying...make objects disappear, mix up a goulish brew, make your own face paints and explore scientific Halloween tricks. come dressed in a costume or make your own here! All Halloween activities are free with Museum admission. Admission is \$3 per person for ages one and over. The admission includes both houses. The Gilbert House offers exciting educational opportunities for families through hands-on exhibits in the science, arts and humanities. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday Noon to 4, and closed Mondays. the Gilbert House is located on Salem's downtown riverfront between the bridges. Information is 371-3631.

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## KID RHYTHM RADIO THROWS HALLOWEEN PARTY ON KBPS AM

On Friday, October 30, tune in to Kid Rhythm Radio from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to get your Halloween off to a screamingly good start! You'll shake to silly and scary music, and shiver during a special half-hour of storytelling. Lumpkin the Pumpkin is a Halloween tale especially for the little goblins in the audience, which will air from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

We'll also have a chilling feature report on the Washington Park Zoo's "Zooboo!" event, and special giveaways of books and cassettes. Guys and ghouls won't want to miss Kid Rhythm radio's special Halloween how!

Kid Rhythm Radio is hosted by Benson High School student announcers, as part of their studies in the career education in broadcasting program. Feature reports are researched and interviewed by elementary and junior high school students from throughout the Portland Public

school system. Kid Rhythm Radio is Portland's only children's music and news public radio program, exclusively on KBPS AM 1450. Contact: Jacqueline Loucks, 280-5828



## JANTZEN BEACH CENTER TREATS FOR HALLOWEEN

Jantzen Beach Center will provide a safe place for children to trick-or-treat again this year. The third annual "Trick-or-Treat on the mall" will take place on Saturday, October 31 from 5-6 p.m. Signs in store windows will indicate which merchants will be participating. The Mall is well lit, dry, supervised and all events are free of charge. Other Halloween events will include:

A Children's Costume Parade and Party on Thursday, October 29 beginning at 11:00 am. this event is sponsored by the Moms Club of Portland and will take place at the Clock Tower Stage.

Pumpkin Carving Contest for ages 5-13. Children should bring their carved and decorated pumpkins to the Clock Tower Stage at 1:00 p.m.

Costume Contest for ages 3-13. contestants should meet at the Clock Tower Stage at 3:00 p.m.

Those interested should contact the Customer Service Center for details and contest guidelines at (503) 289-555 or (206) 699-4644.

Jantzen Beach Center is located on Hayden Island, I-5 exit 308, minutes from downtown Portland and Vancouver.

## AAA OREGON OFFERS PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN HAUNTING

Halloween can mean danger for little ghosts and goblins unless parents and drivers take special precautions, according to the Automobile Club of Oregon.

Scott Thompson, AAA Safety Representative, reminds drivers, "Halloween brings out costumed boys and girls who are often too excited to look both ways before crossing the street. Dark costumes make trick-or-treaters difficult to see. Worse yet, ill-fitting masks obstruct vision so children can't always see oncoming cars."

Drivers: AAA Oregon offers advice that can help make Halloween safer. Be extra alert for children darting out from between parked cars. Turn on headlights at the first sign of dusk and take extra care when negotiating driveways. With so many children on the streets, a right turn on red can be dangerous. Driving at least 5 mph under the posted speed limit in residential areas gives drivers and children a margin of safety.

Boys and Girls: Thompson urges you to trick-or-treat while it's still light and wear comfortable light-colored costumes that make it easy to walk, see and be seen. Carry a flashlight. Trim your costume with special reflective tape that shines brightly in headlights (your parents can get it at most auto supply, hardware, and sporting-goods stores). Carry or wear a glow-in-the-dark Halloween light stick, available where costumes are sold. Trick-or-treat on well-lighted streets. Never dart out between parked cars in the middle of the block. Walk on the sidewalk, not in the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far out of the road as possible.

Parents: Be sure children can see clearly, thompson advises parents to enlarge eye holes on masks and have children remove masks before crossing the street. Better yet, encourage them to wear makeup instead of a mask. Makeup won't impair vision, and it's fun to wear. Accompany your children or send an older brother or sister along. If someone older can't go, kids should trick-or-treat with a group and tell you in advance what streets they plan to haunt.

With just a few simple precautions," Thompson said, "they'll have a devilishly good--and safe--Halloween."



## METROPOLITAN GREENSPACES PRESENTS: HALLOWEEN BAT SEARCH, OWL PROWL HIGHLIGHT TRIP INTO NATURE TOURS

Be careful what you see! If it's Halloween owls and bats, you just might find them on easy Trip Into Nature walks scheduled this fall through Nov. 15, coordinated by the Metropolitan Service District as part of the Metropolitan Greenspaces program.

The list of fall Trip Into Nature activities also includes free or low-cost guided tours, classes and bike rides presented by many conservation groups, park districts and other organizations involved in the Greenspaces program. The wide variety of activities are intended to introduce residents to the natural areas and wildlife located in and around the four-county region. Since the program began in May 1991, More than 3,000 people have participated.

Highlights from the fall schedule of Trip Into Nature activities are listed below:

Saturday, Oct. 17 The Forest-A Place Of Discovery Discover the history, wildlife and plants of Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Enjoy barrier-free short walk on the Trillium Trail. Space limited. Call Michael Niss at 653-3166 to reserve. Sponsored by Oregon State Parks and Friends of Tryon Creek State Park.

Saturday, Oct. 17 Apple Tasting and Cider Pressing Easy hike up to the old apple orchard at Powell Butte Nature Park (Southeast 162nd and Powell) to pick apples and press cider from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barrier-free event. Sponsored by Friends of Powell Butte Nature Park and Portland Parks Bureau.

Saturday, Oct. 17, and Sunday, Oct. 18 Adopt-A-Stream Conference Learn how to restore your local stream and organize a group to protect it. Call Rosemary Furfey at 221-1646, ext. 353 to reserve. Sponsored by Metro, Urban Streams Council, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Unified Sewerage Agency, Clackamas County and local "friends" organizations.

Sunday, Oct. 25 Hillsboro Wetlands Tour Observe fall birds in the Tualatin River floodplain and view constructed wetland at the Hillsboro Landfill. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at first gate to landfill, approximately 1.2 mile south of TV Highway. For details, call 642-1459. Sponsored by Friends of Jackson Bottom.

Monday, Oct. 26 Halloween Owl Prowl Enjoy a slide show all about owls and then hike to search out these night creatures. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Fee \$6 in-district/\$12 out of district. Call 644-3855 to reserve. Sponsored by Tualatin Hills park and Recreation District and Portland Audubon Society.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 Halloween Bat Search Experience the mysterious mammals of the night. After an exciting workshop, go out in search of bats. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Fee \$6 in-district/\$12 out of district. Call 644-3855 to reserve. Sponsored by Tualatin Hills park and Recreation District and Portland Audubon Society.

Saturday, Oct. 31 Forest Park Mountain Bike Ride Celebrate Halloween on a ride through Forest Park and discover the many aspects of this large urban greenspace. Bring bike, appropriate clothing and lunch. Helmets required. Fee \$5. Call 796-5132 to reserve. Sponsored by Portland Parks Bureau and Portland Audubon Society.

Sunday, Nov. 15 Powell Butte Turkey Hunt Scavenger hunt at Powell Butte for free turkey certificates. Come discover Portland's newest nature park. Meet at 2 p.m. at the parking lot at Powell Butte, Southeast 162nd and Powell Boulevard. Sponsored by Friends of Powell Butte Nature Park and Portland Parks Bureau.

For more details or a Trip Into Nature brochure, call Metro at 22-Green (224-7336).