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A section of the Echo Corn Maze becomes the "Field of Screams" from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

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CHO — There is a corn maze and pumpkin patch, yes, but Gina Tyhuis sees this regional attraction as an opportunity for education as well.

On a recent Tuesday she only had a few moments before 100 school children arrived to tour the maze and learn about agriculture through four stations: honeybees, corn, pumpkins, and straw.

"It's bigger than the corn maze," Tyhuis said of this annual autumn attraction. "This is the best platform for educating the public." She is active in the Eastern Oregon Women for Agriculture, an organization that supports the role of women in agriculture and provides scholarships for women pursuing agriculture degrees with the annual Echo Sage Trail Run.

ABOUT THE CORN MAZE

The Echo Corn Maze covers 8 acres and it takes about an hour to find your way. Admission is \$10 for the corn maze, the corn crib, the mini corn maze, the straw bale maze and tunnels. Friday, Oct. 29, features a reduced admission of \$5 from 2-6 p.m.

This weekend ramps up a

bit with the Field of Screams from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Tyhuis said they "haunt" a designated path in the corn maze in case other visitors still want to go through without the scares.

"Corn mazes are creepy enough in the dark," she said.

Tickets for Field of Screams are \$12, and that includes access to the other attractions as well.

Purchase tickets online at www.echocornmaze.com.

HOURS

The corn maze is open Friday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.



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