

Those Seeking a Good Scare Shouldn't Have a Problem

Goblins and ghosts are roaming the Midlands looking for children who love to be haunted at Halloween. An array of entertainment awaits the youngsters:

■ **Spookfest:** A costume safety inspection, a "Weirdo Hairdo Salon," face painting and a pumpkin penny pitch are among the activities that will be offered at the Omaha Childrens Museum from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Cox Cable Omaha will broadcast the activities live from the museum, 500 S. 20th St., throughout the evening. Adults must accompany children. Everyone will be admitted free.

■ **Halloween Magic:** The Great Halloween Magic Show will be presented at Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, 3504 Center St., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Storytelling, magic acts and treats will be offered. Admission: children, \$2; adults, \$3. The event is sponsored by the Lao-Hmong Association Refugee Service Center. Proceeds will benefit refugee families in Omaha. For seat reservations, call 551-0454. Tickets will be sold at the door.

■ **Halloween Hullabaloo:** You're invited to "experience what really goes bump in the night" at Folsom Children's

Zoo in Lincoln from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday. Admission: children, 50 cents; adults, \$2; free for zoo members. Treat bags are \$1.50. Extra attractions for nominal fees are a snack bar, popcorn wagon and train ride. The zoo is at 1222 S. 27th St.

■ **Wild Things:** Spend a ghostly evening at Neale Woods Nature Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today or Saturday. Wild things, including spiders, owls and bats, will be observed during a half-mile guided hike along a trail illuminated by jack-o'-lanterns. Admission: \$3, members and non-members. Reservations: 731-3140. A Halloween hike also is scheduled at the woods at 2 p.m. Sunday. Wear costumes. Free with admission to the woods.

A critters hike also is scheduled at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center at 2 p.m. Sunday. No reservations required for the Sunday hikes. Admission to either the woods or forest is \$3 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and children ages 3-11.

■ **Pumpkin Chase:** The 14th annual Pumpkin Chase Rally and Costume Party sponsored by Midwest Early

Corvettes will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Tranquility Park, 120th Street and West Maple Road. All makes of cars are eligible. Location of the party and a dance to music by Skid and Johnny O is a mystery. Admission: \$5 per person, plus a can of food for a needy family with a member who has spina bifida.

■ **Boo Bash:** A "blocks and marbles competition" and face painting at Toys & Treasures are among the free activities planned at MarketPlace Shopping Center in Sioux City, Iowa, Saturday. Plaza Theaters will have a special showing of "101 Dalmations" at 3 p.m. Movie admission: 95 cents for both adults and children.

■ **Zoo party:** This event is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St. The party is free with zoo admission: adults, \$5.50; senior citizens, \$4; children ages 5-12, \$3; younger than 5 free.

Haunted Houses:

■ **Haunted Hotel California, 525 N. 15th St.** Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, KQKQ-FM and Pepsi. Open 7:30 p.m. to midnight tonight and

Saturday; 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Admission: \$4.

■ **Southroads Mall, across from Southroads 4 Theater.** The two events here are benefits for Youth Guidance, a division of Omaha Youth for Christ. "Scream in the Dark" has 12 rooms of terror to be enjoyed by young people and adults. Admission is \$3.50. Open from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. today and Saturday; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

"The Kids Fun House" will feature magicians, clowns, face painting, balloons and candy. It will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$2.50.

A 50-cent discount for either event can be picked up at Southroads' coupon bins. A Fox 42 Kids Club membership card also is good for a 50-cent discount at Fun House.

■ **The Stone Castle of Terror, 31st and F Streets.** Proceeds from two haunted houses will benefit volunteer programs at the Omaha Community Playhouse. Open 7 to midnight tonight and Saturday; 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Admission: \$4 per person per house.

■ **Trick or Treat on 10th Street, Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 10th St.** The museum is turned into a Halloween neighborhood with trick-or-treating and other activities. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Admission: children, \$3; adults, \$2, (\$1 if in costume).

■ **Mystical Maze, 8000 S. 84th St., Wal-Mart parking lot,** is a benefit for the Papillion Recreation Organizations' Monarch Soccer Club. Hours: 7 to 11:30 tonight and Saturday; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

■ **Haunted Hayrack Ride, Council Bluffs.** The event benefits development of the Wabash Trace Nature Trail. Hours: 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. today and Saturday. The ride will start at the trail. Head south of Lewis Central High School at the intersection of Highways 92 and 275. Go south on Highway 275 to Pioneer trail. Follow the signs to the nature trail. Admission: adults, \$3; children younger than 12, \$2.

■ **Haunted Barn, Papillion.** Situated at Tara Hills Golf Course, just south of 84th Street and Giles Road, this event

will benefit Papillion-LaVista High School clubs. Open 7 p.m. to midnight today and Saturday; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. "Kiddie Day" will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission: adults, \$3; children age 12 and younger, \$2.

■ **Mystery Manor, 716 N. 18th St.** This haunted house is just north of the City Auditorium and is a benefit for the Special Olympics. It is open at 7 p.m. daily through Halloween. Admission: \$5 a person. Coupons good for \$1 off are available at Baker's Supermarkets.

■ **DARE Scare, Bellevue.** The Bellevue Police Officers Association and United Artists Cable Television have a haunted house at 2851 Capehart Road. Proceeds will benefit the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. Hours: 6 to midnight tonight and Saturday; 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Admission: \$3.50.

■ **Spook Station, Carter Lake.** A "Spook Station" has been set up in the fire station at Ninth and Locust Streets in Carter Lake. It will open at 7 p.m. daily. Enter on the east side. Sponsored by Smoke-eaters. Donation: \$2.