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Merry Not Scary Fun at Ghouls at Grassmere

Elephants, zebras and giraffes are always at Nashville Zoo, but goblins, mummies and monsters can be spotted at the 12th annual Ford Motor Company Fund's *Ghouls at Grassmere*, Oct. 16 – 18 and 23 – 25 and 29 – 30, from 5 – 9 p.m. each night.

Ghouls at Grassmere is Music City's largest family-friendly Halloween celebration, with themed treat stations, animal shows, costume parades and more. Guests can take a haunted hayride through the Zoo's back roads, go for a spin on the Scary-Go-Round, play frightening games at Carn-Evil and shake their "ghoul" thing at the Monster Mash. The Grassmere Historic Home will offer a special tour showcasing the dying traditions and superstitions of the 1800s.

New this year, the Zoo is now offering advanced tickets for *Ghouls* online at www.nashvillezoo.org. Advanced tickets can also be purchased at the Zoo's ticket booth during Zoo hours. Advanced tickets for *Ghouls at Grassmere* are \$4 for Nashville Zoo members and \$8 for non-members. Day of tickets at the gate are \$5 for Nashville Zoo members and \$9 for non-members. Children under 2 are free. Extra fees apply to the haunted hayride, Scary-Go-Round, pumpkin painting and face painting.

Ghouls at Grassmere is designed for families with children under 12. Food and retail facilities will be open for guests' convenience. Ford Motor Company Fund's *Ghouls at Grassmere* is presented by Target and First Tennessee Bank, and sponsored by HCA-TriStar, O'Charley's, *Nashville Parent*, WSMV TV, *The Tennessean* and Geico.

Ghouls at Grassmere would not be possible without the help of hundreds of dedicated volunteers. The Zoo's volunteer department is still looking for people to help with treat distribution, Carn-Evil games, haunted hayrides and other activities. To volunteer, call 615-833-1534 ext. 140 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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