



## How to have a howling good time at Ghouls at Grassmere!

### What is Ghouls at Grassmere?

Ghouls at Grassmere, the Zoo's family friendly fundraising Halloween event takes place over 2 to 3 weekends before Halloween. During this time the Zoo is transformed into a "merry not scary" Halloween spectacular. There are a multitude of things to intrigue and delight children ages 3-12 year olds. Activities include 20 themed treat stations, a Gypsy Mystery Maze, Monster Lab, Costume parade, animal shows, Monster Mash disco, Scary Go Round, the ever popular Haunted Hayride and much more.

### What are the dates for Ghouls at Grassmere?

Ghouls at Grassmere will be taking place on the following evenings:

	<b><u>Weekend 1</u></b> <b>October 16-18</b>	<b><u>Weekend 2</u></b> <b>October 23-25</b>	<b><u>Weekend 3</u></b> <b>October 29-30</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	PreBoo (invitation only)		October 29
<b>Friday</b>	October 16	October 23	October 30
<b>Saturday</b>	October 17	October 24	
<b>Sunday</b>	October 18	October 25	

**\*Ghouls at Grassmere will NOT be taking place on or following Halloween evening.**

### How much are tickets?

Advance Tickets - \$4/Zoo Member  
(Purchased before 3pm) - \$8/Non Member

Evening of Tickets - \$5/Zoo Member  
(Purchased after 3pm) - \$9/Non Member

### How do I purchase advance tickets?

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Information Hut on Zoo grounds any day before 3pm or online at [http://www.nashvillezoo.org/events\\_detail.asp?eventID=28](http://www.nashvillezoo.org/events_detail.asp?eventID=28) . Shipping and handling fees apply for online orders.

### When is the best time to come to Ghouls at Grassmere?

Saturday evenings are traditionally the busiest nights of the event. To avoid the larger crowds plan on attending Fridays and Sundays or Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>. No matter what night you are planning to attend remember that parking is limited and we advise you to carpool and arrive a little early.

### **What time of day and which activities are the best for my child?**

The event is aimed to make all children comfortable and allow them to experience the fun of Halloween in a safe environment but you know your child best. If your child may be spooked by “things that go bump in the night” we would advise that you visit earlier in the evening while there is still some daylight and visit activities such as Carn-Evil, Monster Mash, Treat Stations, and the Animal Show. And while the Haunted Hayride is lit to look the best after dark, taking a trip while it is daylight can be a better alternative if your little ones might be scared by the dark. Please remember that we aim to mix hayride scenes that may be deemed “scary” such as a mechanical dragon with fun scenes such as a bubble tunnel.

If your child is feeling fearless make sure to take a turn through the Monster Lab located in the Croft Center and don't miss the chance to see the hayride after dark when the scenes are lit to draw them out of the dark.

### **Will animals be out during Ghouls at Grassmere?**

No. Our lovely residents turn in every evening to sleep. However, the Unseen New World will be open and these nocturnal creatures would love for you to visit them.

### **Can I visit the zoo during the day and stay for Ghouls at Grassmere?**

You are welcome to visit our zoo during the day, but please note that the park will be closed and cleared of all guests at 4 p.m. Ghouls at Grassmere is not included in regular admission and you will need to purchase separate admission for the event and re-enter the zoo after 5 p.m. when the park reopens for Ghouls. Remember that securing advance tickets offers the most expedient re-entry to the event.

### **Will the café be open?**

Yes. The Zoofari Café will be open as well as the Safari Outpost located at the Jungle Gym and a number of concession stands throughout the park.

### **Will we be able to rent a stroller?**

Yes. Stroller and wheelchair rental will still be available at the Information Hut located just past the ticket booths.

### **What should we bring with us?**

The Ghouls event is a perfect opportunity to dress up the entire family in all of their finest Halloween duds. Just remember that when the sun goes down it can get a bit chillier so don't forget to bring a sweater or a jacket for your little prince or princess.

And don't forget to bring your trick or treat basket, bucket, or bag.

### **What do we do to participate in the Kid's Costume Parade?**

The Costume Parade is free and takes place at 7:15PM each evening in the Monsterpiece Theatre (aka the Amphitheater). To register for the costume parade just stop by the tent located on the road to the Amphitheater and fill out the registration form.

### **Where do the kids go trick or treating?**

There are 20 treat stations located throughout the Zoo. The majority of them are on Trick or Treat Trail, also known as the animal trail, with a few scattered around the Festival Field. Stop by one or all of them to pick up a trick or a treat for your wee ones.

\*A combination of candy and toys is distributed in an effort to give the best of both worlds. We can not guarantee any peanut or nut allergies so if your child has allergies please inspect the candy before allowing them to ingest it.

### **Must we visit every treat station to receive the final Boo Bazaar Treat?**

No. We want you to have fun so visit as few or as many treat stations as you wish. When you exit the Zoo you will pass through the Boo Bazaar station and every child will receive a final prize for visiting us.

### **What additional fees can I expect after I have paid my ticket price?**

Most activities are included in the Ghouls at Grassmere ticket. These activities include visiting all 20 treat stations, Carn-Evil games, Gypsy Mystery Maze, Monster Mash disco, Monster Lab, Dying Traditions and Superstitions Tour, and all shows at the Monsterpiece Theatre.

Activity tickets (\$2 per person/ per activity) are required for the Haunted Hayride, the Scary-go-Round and pumpkin painting. Activity tickets may be purchased in advance online or at the gate. Optional additional fee activities include concessions, face painting, temporary tattoos and retail..

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### **How do I buy activity tickets?**

Activity tickets may be purchased in advance along with your Ghouls tickets or you can buy them onsite at the Information Hut or the Token Jail located on Festival Field.

Pumpkin painting tokens may be purchased at the Information Hut or Token Jail.

All other purchases are vendor purchases and must be made through that particular vendor.

Should you have any other questions regarding Ghouls at Grassmere please feel free to call the Zoo at 833-1534 ext. 100.

### **Do I have to dress up to attend?**

Dressing in costume is not required but we encourage all children and adults to dress up and enjoy the experience to its fullest. It is a children's event so we do discourage adults from dressing in terribly frightening or risqué costumes.