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Fort Leonard Wood celebrates Halloween, fall season

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Each year, fall brings cooler temperatures, changing colors and a variety of festivals and Family activities. Fort Leonard Wood has its own tradition of fall festivals leading up to Halloween, including its annual Pumpkin Fest.

Hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Pumpkin Fest is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday at the Rec Plex, located in Building 640 on Constitution Avenue. Events include a pumpkin throwing contest at 1 p.m., a pumpkin pie contest, with judging scheduled for 1:30 p.m.; a round bale rolling race at 2 p.m.; a pumpkin carving contest, with judging slated for 2:30 p.m.; and a costume contest, with judging at 3 p.m. Attendees can also enjoy the Rec Plex's mini golf course and go-kart track, which are included with admission.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4 to 15, and free for children ages 3 and younger. Family passes are also available for \$20 for up to four members, plus \$3 for each additional Family member. Pumpkin Fest is open to the public. For more information, call 573.596.6913.

Other upcoming fall events include:

The Great Pumpkin Shoot is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Want to carve your pumpkin without paper patterns, saws or scrapers? During the Pumpkin Shoot, visitors can use bows and arrows and shotguns to give their pumpkins a unique look. Entry is \$8 per person, and the event is open to the public. The Outdoor Adventure Center is located in Building 2290 on FLW K Road. For more information, call 573.596.0974.

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The annual Fall Festival Fun Night is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at Pippin Youth Center. Designed for boys and girls ages 5 and younger, the event includes a variety of fun activities such as a bounce house, face painting, games, a maze and more. Visitors can dress in costume for the annual costume contest. The event is free and open to the public. Pippin Youth Center is located at 9625 Young Street. For more information, call 573.596.0238.

The BOSS Haunted House is open from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Halloween night at 711 and 712 Utah Street. Better Opportunities for Single Service Members have worked to build a very scary haunted house they say is, “not for the young, squeamish or the weak of heart.” Admission is \$5 per person. Parental guidance is strongly suggested. For information, call 573.596.6913.

Golf in costume at the Haunted Garrison Golf Classic, scheduled at 11 a.m., Oct. 31 at Piney Valley Golf Course. The nine-hole scramble is hosted by Garrison Command, and participants are encouraged to show up and golf in costume. Entry is \$20 per person in costume, and an additional \$5 if not in costume. The entry fee includes greens fees, cart and a meal. Contests include a Drive to Win contest, with a chance to win a free annual membership; best in costume/team; and Chip in the Pumpkin.

Food and beverages will be provided following the tournament. Piney Valley Golf Course is located at 10221 Water Intake Road. For more information, call 573.329.4770.

The “Spooktacular Bowl-A-Fun” is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31 at Daugherty Bowling Center. Bowlers can enjoy a night of bowling with spooky lights and sounds. Participants who dress in costume can receive treats and enjoy games for \$1. Bowlers not in costume pay the regular rate of \$3 per game. Shoe rental is \$2.

You can “Trick or Treat at the Rec Plex” from 4 to 9 p.m., Oct. 31. Visitors who arrive in costume can receive \$2 off all activities, such as mini-golf and go-kart rental. The Rec Plex is open to the public. For more information, call 573.596.0843.

Trick or treating on Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. Oct. 31. Fort Leonard Wood motorists are reminded to be safe and watch for children.

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Media interested in covering any of these events, should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

(Matt Decker is the Leisure/Sports editor for the Guidon.)

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains more than 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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