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Spooky events planned for Boone Co.

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BOONE COUNTY - Boone County hosts a couple of Halloween-focused events this weekend that are short on ghosts and goblins but long on history.



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The 21st annual Jack-o-Lantern Contest and Walk, which takes place at the Boone County Arboretum at Central Park on Saturday, has become one of the area's more popular fall attractions.

"We wanted an event that was different than anyone else's," Mary Ann Neltner of the Boone County Parks Department said. "People like to carve jack-o-lanterns and come look at them, so that's how it got started."

The first year, there were 15 carved pumpkins and about 100 people showed up. Now, if the weather is good, there are expected to be at least 200 jack-o-lanterns and more than 3,000 visitors.

The early weather forecast is for clear skies and temperatures in the 60s.

"We have gotten to the point now, where people who attended as children are bringing their own kids," Neltner said.

Pumpkins for the contest should be dropped off between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Central Park concession building basement. There is a \$1 fee for each entry and pre-registration is available and preferred.

The walk takes place from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Categories include scariest, happiest funniest, creative design, spookiest, most unusual, etched design and kit carving.

Totem pole entries are limited to three pumpkins each and add-on decorations are not permitted.

Bottom-cut and middle-cut pumpkins will not be allowed because they are hard to transport and all entries should be cleaned and carved on one side only. Large pumpkins are also difficult to transport.

If there is inclement weather, the walk will be conducted at the Floral Hall at the Boone County Fairgrounds, but Neltner said only once has the event been moved inside.

"We had a freak snowstorm several years ago, but that was the only time it had to be moved," she said.

The Historic Dinsmore Homestead hosts All-Hallow's Eve from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Central Park is located at the Boone County Arboretum at 9190 Camp Ernst Road. To pre-register for the contest, call the Boone County Park Office, 334-2117, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday at (859) 334-2117.

The Dinsmore Homestead is located at 5656 Burlington Pike (Kentucky Highway 18), 6.5 miles west of Burlington (859) 586-6117.

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Marty McDonald, executive director of the Dinsmore Homestead Foundation said the event will focus on traditional fall activities.

Many events offer free admission for children, but at All-Hallow's Eve, the adults get in for free.

Admission is \$2 for children 4-9 and \$3 for children aged 10 and older.

"It's really geared toward trick-or-treat aged children," McDonald said. "It includes five buildings on the homestead property and the cemetery. There will be treats at each building for the kids, as well as cookies and cider."

The Dinsmore Homestead is located west of Burlington on a site dedicated to preserving the history of Boone County of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

McDonald said the event, which will help fill the gap between the annual Harvest Festival and the Christmas in the Country events, came about through inquiries from homestead visitors.

"We have gotten some calls because in the past we have done events, such as storytelling around a fire, around this time," McDonald said. "We hope to make it an annual event."

Other planned activities include stories, crafts and games associated with Halloween.

Additional information on the events is available online at www.boonecountyky.org/parks and www.dinsmorefarm.org.

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