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Local Museums Offer Scary, Fun & Festive Halloween-Related Activities in October

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (October 3, 2019) – In addition to its fascinating Gold Rush past, the Sacramento area is rich with an amazing array of state-of-the-art museums and historic sites that offer visitors the chance to explore California's fine art, history, science, and wildlife treasures all year long. This fall, many of the 30 members of Sacramento Area Museums (SAM) are offering fun Halloween and harvest-related events and activities – some for families, children only or specifically for adults. A sampling of the special activities is listed below (but please check with the various museums and/or destinations for other events and more detailed information):

International Observe the Moon Night at the Powerhouse Science Center – October 5

In celebration of International Observe the Moon Night, guests are encouraged to enjoy a special planetarium show and other moon activities. It's the time of the year when shadows get longer and the evening air turns chill, even the Moon seems different when fall begins. Guests can spend time in the planetarium and examine the eerie Moons of the season and then move on to stars and constellations in the night's sky. For more, visit www.powerhousesc.org/events.

Cream of the Crypt at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery – October 5

The Cemetery is full of stories, but there are only a few tour guides to tell them. No single guide can know them all, so for Cream of the Crypt, guests will hear favorite tour guides tell their favorite stories. It's like "Now That's What I Call Music!" only all of tracks are funeral dirges. For more, visit www.historicoldcitycemetery.org.

"Spookomotive" Train Rides at the Railroad Museum – October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, & 27

All aboard for some Halloween fun Old Sacramento style! Guests of all ages will enjoy diesel-powered "Spookomotive" train rides aboard a whimsically decorated train crawling with spiders, cobwebs and cornstalks while staffed with an entertaining "skeleton crew." Plus, train ride guests are encouraged to dress in costume during themed weekends: Superheroes & Villains (October 5-6), Pirates & Princesses (October 12-13), Witches & Wizards (October 19-20) and Superheroes & Villains (October 26-27). For more, visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

ArtMix Grimm at the Crocker Art Museum – October 10

On this magical night at the Crocker, adults are invited to dive into the twisted minds of the Brothers Grimm in an unforgettable, 21+ party featuring bewitching acrobats by Rebel Aerial, music by Exquisite Corps and DJ Lady Grey, a fairy-themed variety show by The Darling Clementines, and other dark delights. Costumes encouraged. For more, visit www.crockerart.org.

Ghost Tours at the Sacramento History Museum – October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26

The Sacramento History Museum & Alliance are proud to present an all-new season of Old Sacramento Living History's annual "Ghost Tours." With a theme of "Murders, Mayhem and Tragedies" this year, the eerie and ever-popular one-hour "Ghost Tours" provide daring Old Sacramento guests with the opportunity to relive 19th century lore as guides (and ghosts) relate tantalizing narratives about the deaths of colorful citizens from Sacramento's history. For more, visit www.sachistorymuseum.org.

Science Storytime at the Powerhouse Science Center – October 12

Visit the newly renovated Nature Discovery exhibit at 11 a.m. to hear a reading of *Skeleton Cat*, by Kristyn Crow. After the story, visitors will have the opportunity to study real animal skeletons. Science Storytime is included in admission. For more, please visit www.powerhousesc.org/events.

33rd Annual Safe & Super Halloween at Fairytale Town – October 19, 20, 26 & 27

Guests can follow the Yellow Brick Road to journey to the Emerald City! Along the way, guests can visit Munchkin Land, the Haunted Forest and more. Visitors will meet Professor Marvel for an up-close magic experience. Plus, guests can meet their favorite "Wizard of Oz" characters but of course they'll need to watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her flying monkeys. This Halloween extravaganza also features 15 treat stations, a nightly costume parade at 8:30 p.m., hands-on activities and more. For more information and tickets, visit www.fairytaletown.org.

The Haunted Fort at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park – October 19 & 26

Friends of Sutter's Fort is proud to present the 10th annual family-friendly experience "The Haunted Fort." Amid a dimly-lit backdrop, guests will have the special opportunity to explore the nooks and crannies of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park on their own and at their own pace while interacting with knowledgeable docents in period attire (who will share scary, spooky and sometimes disturbing details of pioneer life in the 1800s). In addition, visitors are encouraged to stroll the storied rooms and weathered courtyards of Sutter's Fort looking for fun Halloween themed hands-on activities that help demonstrate what life was like in the 1800s, including death and survival on the California frontier. For more, visit www.suttersfort.org.

Count Watts' Spooktacular at the Roseville Utility Exploration Center – October 26

The Utility Exploration Center is serving up some free, electrifying fun at Count Watts' Spooktacular from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in costume to fight Voltage Vampires and knock out energy waste at this spectacular family event. Those who dare can take a thrilling walk through the Phantom Energy House to hunt down those electronics that steal power when no one's looking or find out how to stop those power-suckers. Visitors can also wander through the mad scientist's laboratory to experience some hair-raising experiments, find all the owls hidden throughout the building to win a prize that will light up the night and play games like the Lineman's Challenge and Voltage Vampire Knockdown to win even more exciting prizes. For more, visit www.roseville.ca.us/familyfun.

Witch's Brew Slime at the Powerhouse Science Center – October 26

Put on a witch hat and mix a spooky, slime concoction during a special activity at 10 a.m. Visitors will be able to take their green ooze home but should be careful of the creepy crawlies lurking inside. Witch's Brew Slime is included in admission. For more, please visit www.powerhousesc.org/events.



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Boo at the Zoo at the Sacramento Zoo – October 26 & 27

Don't miss out on a spooky good time as the Sacramento Zoo transforms into the kid-friendly place to be for Halloween from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Costumes are encouraged and kids can enjoy trick-or-treating throughout the entire zoo at 15 different candy stations plus special activities such as face painting, festive games, themed stage shows, magic shows with Trevor Wyatt MAGIC, keeper chats and even animal enrichments. Guests can also top off a perfect day with a ride on the spooky zoo train or the creepy carousel for an additional fee. For more, visit www.saczoo.org.

Trick-or-Treating in Old Sacramento Waterfront Starting at the Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum – October 27

The Old Sacramento Waterfront invites children to a fun, free and safe trick-or-treating event in the district from 12 to 3 p.m. Costumes are encouraged and interested children can pick up a map at the Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum before trick-or-treating their way through the historic district (treats available while supplies last). For more, visit www.oldsacramento.com.

Wee Halloween at the Crocker Art Museum – October 30

Costumed kiddos ages 3 to 5 and their grownups are invited to take a delightful stroll through the Museum and encounter goodies, enchanting music, performances, and a dance party. Advance registration is required. For more, visit www.crockerart.org.

Trick-or-Treat Daytime Halloween Activities at the Children's Museum – October 31

The Sacramento Children's Museum is a great place to spend the afternoon on Halloween day. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume and participate in special trick-or-treat stations, hands-on activities and museum play from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more, visit www.sackids.org.

Nightmare at the Museum at the Crocker Art Museum – October 31

Get ghoulish at the museum with guided flashlight tours of the Crocker family parlor, killer Karaoke, and spooky storytelling for all ages. Visitors can enter the iconic artist costume contest, gaze into the future with the help of a psychic and also enjoy bone-chilling drink specials and dinner dishes to die for at the Crocker Cafe by Supper Club. For more, visit www.crockerart.org.

For more information about Sacramento area museums, "like" them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org.

About Sacramento Area Museums (SAM)

Comprised of 30 greater Sacramento area museums working in partnership with Visit Sacramento, SAM's mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover California's fine art, history, science and wildlife treasures. SAM achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit www.SacMuseums.org.

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