



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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Join the Catalina Island Conservancy for Halloween in the Garden
***Fun for the Whole Family with Farm of Fright presented by the Master of Mayhem Mr. Sean,
Garden Treasure Hunt, Crafts and Games***

AVALON – Join the Catalina Island Conservancy for a spooktacular event celebrating Halloween in the Garden from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden.

Through its Families in Nature program, the Conservancy's education department will host its first-ever Halloween party in the garden featuring the Master of Mayhem, Mr. Sean, and his Farm of Fright, which is "not for the young or faint of heart," and a Spooky Trail for younger children. The event will also feature a Garden Treasure Hunt that will help visitors become more familiar with the garden, crafts, games, a Naturalist Booth and much more.

Residents and visitors can travel to the garden for free aboard the Garibaldi Bus donated by the City of Avalon. The bus will be making stops at the Tour Plaza, People's Park and Bird Park to ferry party-goers to the Wrigley garden.

There, guests can also enjoy music, a photo booth, face painting sponsored by the Rotary Club and carnival games sponsored by Catalina Kid Ventures. They can purchase popcorn from the Rotary Club, baked goods from Avalon High School's Interact Club and street corn grilled by the Women's Forum.

Scheduled activities include bat talks at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., owl pellet dissection at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., a costume contest with prizes at 6:30 p.m. and the Farm of Fright from 5 to 7 p.m. Following the costume contest, the Conservancy staff will demonstrate bat audio detection.

Halloween in the Garden is free to the first 300 Island residents and to all children age 5 and younger. Non-residents and residents who don't arrive in time to enter for free will pay \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, seniors and students with identification.

Families in Nature, which is responsible for the party, is a monthly program the Conservancy offers to Island residents throughout the school year to give them the opportunity to travel to the Island's interior to experience nature. This month, the staff decided to celebrate Halloween

in Avalon to shine a spotlight on Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden, which showcases the Island's native and endemic plants.

About the Conservancy

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 150 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species – and counting – that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit www.catalinaconservancy.org.