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THE FOREST AT THE NATURE INSTITUTE GETS “ENCHANTED”

Celebrate Halloween with safe, family friendly event

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Godfrey, Ill– The Nature Institute (TNI) trails will get “enchanted” for the 13th Annual “Enchanted Forest”. This event is known for bringing in hundreds of residents, with more than 270 last year. The excitement has continued this year with already over half of the hiking times reserved by thrilled locals.

“Enchanted Forest” is on Friday, October 17th. Starting at 7 p.m., bring your family to TNI’s Talahi Lodge, located at 2213 South Levis Lane in Godfrey, Ill, to celebrate the holiday with their friends along the Enchanted Forest Trail.

TNI volunteers will be dressed up as nocturnal animals along the Trail. Visitors will be “treated” to some nature knowledge and, in true Halloween fashion, some sweet treats. After these guided hikes, guests can enjoy chili, hotdogs, and other activities. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 a person and can be purchased at the door.

Event goers are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costumes. Guided hikes will take place every 15 minutes. Please reserve your hiking time by Monday, October 13th by calling (618) 466-9930 or emailing info@TheNatureInstitute.org.

“We cannot do this program without the support from our community,” Patti Brown, Education Director, stated about the event’s opportunities. “We hope that this volunteer opportunity will help fulfill any required service hours students may need.”

There are a few different tasks that helpers may choose from; actor, trail guide, game and craft booth assistant, as well as, food and clean-up crew. All volunteers will receive dinner for their help and must be at least 12 years of age, willing to attend a short orientation meeting, and would be able to volunteer for at least 4 hours during this event

There are two orientation training days for those interested in volunteering; Tuesday, October 14th and Thursday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping should contact Brown at (618) 467-2521 for more information.

For more information on “Enchanted Forest”, or other TNI events, please call the main office at (618) 466-9930 or visit www.TheNatureInstitute.org.

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