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More than 100 Students, Faculty and Staff Provide Candy, Games and Free Activities



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University invites families to campus on Oct. 28 for its annual Octoberfest event that will offer children a variety of candy, games and other fun activities. The free evening of entertainment is set for 6-8 p.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus.

Octoberfest is a fall festival and Halloween-style event for local families that provides a safe place for the community to gather and have fun. Children and their parents can wear costumes to the festival, which includes pizza and drinks for the kids, candy and popcorn for everyone, and a variety of games and crafts. An inflatable obstacle course is part of the fun this year along with other surprises.

Mindy Robinson, GWU coordinator for community engagement and student ministries, has organized the event for the last three years. She said that in addition to traditional games—such as corn hole, ring toss and bowling—other fun activities are planned, including face painting, photo booths, cookie decorating, and mystery games.

“We have 62 clubs, organizations, athletic teams and classes helping with the event this year,” she observed. “My favorite part is just watching our students love on the kids of our community. They all dress up, just like the kids, and it’s just so fun to watch their childlike

spirit emerge as they play the games and participate in the activities right alongside of the kids.”



Mikayla Fewster, a junior computer information systems major from Harrisburg, N.C., is helping with a booth sponsored by ServeU. “Our game is going to be a bottle ring toss,” Fewster offered. “I am so excited for Oktoberfest, because I absolutely love kids. I love being able to entertain and interact with them. It’s adorable to see the simplest things put smiles on kids’ faces. I hope that we can make each kid and family feel special and cherished. I’m so thankful that we get to provide a free night of fun for so many children and families.”

Senior Taylor Mills from Buies Creek, N.C., likes to participate, because Oktoberfest is a way for students to reach out and meet different people in the community. “Because most of us live on a college campus, many of us do not get to interact with children on a daily basis,” Mills reflected. “I love the fact that I will be able to interact with different kids in our community and help them to have a fun night in a great environment.”

She is volunteering with Psi Chi and the Psychology Club to provide an activity called “Fishing for Thought.” “The goal is to help children to have a great time, get some candy, and learn a little bit along the way,” she said. “We are going to try to incorporate a few facts about the mind for children to hear while they are playing our game.”

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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