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

Gardner-Webb will host Octoberfest on Oct. 29

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University invites families to campus Oct. 29 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 caterpillar obstacle course is part of the fun this year along with other surprises.

"We look forward to hosting this event, because we want the kids in our community to know that we care about them and their families," observes Mindy Robinson, coordinator for community engagement and student ministries. "Our students love volunteering for Octoberfest. They get so excited to dress up and interact with the kids."

More than 100 Gardner-Webb students, faculty and staff members will help organize and operate Octoberfest. "Activities range from small games such as a ring toss or fishing to a mad scientist lab and a real live game of Clue," Robinson describes. "Most athletic teams will do something relating to their sport, so we have a pitching station for the baseball team, lacrosse drills, etc."

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4270 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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