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University to Host Annual Fall Festival on Campus

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University invites families to campus on Thursday, Oct. 27 for its annual Octoberfest event that will offer children a variety of candy, games and other fun activities. The free evening of family-centered entertainment is set for 6-8 p.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus.

Children and their parents can wear costumes to the festival, which will include candy, hot dogs, popcorn and a variety of games and crafts. Inflatable rides and hayrides will also be offered as weather permits.

"We can all agree it's a good thing for kids to have fun in a community environment," offered Micah Martin, director of student leadership development and community engagement at Gardner-Webb. "The Octoberfest is a fall festival and Halloween-style event for local families that offers a place for the community to spend time together and have fun. It's also a good demonstration of serving while asking for nothing in return."

More than 100 Gardner-Webb students, faculty and staff members will help organize and operate Octoberfest. Last year, a group of GWU students helped arrange transportation for some of the children who attended the event.

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"These festivities started years ago when a group of professors and staff members decided they wanted to do a Trunk-or-Treat-style program for local children's homes," Martin shared. "It has ballooned into an event that served 550 kids and their parents last year. It's all about the kids having fun."

For more information about Octoberfest, email Martin at serve@gardner-webb.edu.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4253 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).