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Octoberfest and the Enchanted Forest Organized by Students and Faculty

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University offers two events each fall that allow students and faculty an opportunity to give back to the community. The annual fall festival will offer games, candy and prizes, while a Broad River Greenway tour will educate kids about nocturnal animals that live in the surrounding area. Both events are free and open to the public.

Octoberfest, an annual event that features games, crafts, prizes and candy, will be held Oct. 30 in the Tucker Student Center from 6-8 p.m. GWU students and faculty dress in costumes and sponsor a booth with activities that children can be apart of and win candy. Members of the community are also encouraged to wear creative costumes and to enjoy the fall season.

For more information about Octoberfest, contact Micah Martin at mmartin8@gardner-webb.edu.

The GWU Department of Natural Sciences and professor Dr. Tom Jones have been partnering with the Greenway for over six years to present the Enchanted Forest event. Kids in the local community learn about the nocturnal animals that live in North Carolina and the importance of sustaining their woodland. Biology students participate by dressing up in animal costumes such as caterpillars, frogs, owls, bobcats, bears and raccoons to give kids a unique visual learning experience.

In addition to the tours that begin at 6 p.m., the program will include face painting and animal-tracking activities.

The Broad River Greenway is located off Highway 150, south of Boiling Springs. For more information about this event, contact Tom Jones at tjones@gardner-webb.edu or the Broad River Greenway at 704-434-0040.

The mission of the Broad River Greenway is to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources for educational and recreation opportunities.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.