

# Get spooked with Conservancy at Halloween party

First-ever 'Halloween in the Garden' party set for Oct. 30

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Join the Catalina Island Conservancy for a spooktacular event celebrating Halloween in the Garden from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden.

Through its Families in Nature program, the Conservancy's education department will host its first-ever Halloween party in the garden featuring the Master of Mayhem, Mr. Sean, and his Farm of Fright, which is "not for the young or faint of heart," and a Spooky Trail for younger children. The event will also feature a Garden Treasure Hunt that will help visitors become more familiar with the garden, crafts, games, a Naturalist Booth and much more.

Residents and visitors can travel to the garden for free aboard the Garibaldi Bus donated by the City of Avalon. The bus will be making stops at the Tour Plaza, People's Park and Bird Park to ferry partygoers to the Wrigley garden.

There, guests can also enjoy music, a photo booth, face painting sponsored by the Rotary Club and carnival games sponsored by Catalina Kid Ventures. They can purchase popcorn from the Rotary Club, baked goods from Avalon

High School's Interact Club and street corn grilled by the Women's Forum.

Scheduled activities include bat talks at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., owl pellet dissection at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., a costume contest with prizes at 6:30 p.m. and the Farm of Fright from 5 to 7 p.m. Following the costume contest, the Conservancy staff will demonstrate bat audio detection. Halloween in the Garden is free to the first 300 Island residents and to all children age 5 and young-

er. Non-residents and residents who don't arrive in time to enter for free will pay \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, seniors and students with identification. Families in Nature, which is responsible for the party, is a monthly program the Conservancy offers to Island residents the opportunity to travel to the Island's interior to experience nature. This month, the staff decided to celebrate Halloween in Avalon to shine a spotlight on Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden.