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# Eat, drink and be scary

Westside gets into Halloween 'spirit' with lively events

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Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party? Give up? Because he had no body to dance with.

Don't worry, dancing's not required at any of the spooky events haunting the West Valley this weekend.

Be sure to check them out. They're guaranteed to keep you from being bored to death.

#### **Today**

• Creepy carnival games, food and lots of other ghoulish activities will be featured at Buckeye's Halloween Carnival from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Earl Edgar Recreational Facility at Miller and Beloat roads.

The event, hosted by Buckeye's Community Service Department, will also offer a petting zoo, Krazy Kar rides, and bingo with lots of prizes.

Tickets will be available for purchase for 50 cents each. The cost of games and food will range from one to eight tickets.

All proceeds will support local charities and nonprofit service organizations.

For information, visit www.buckeyeaz.gov/special events, or contact Robert Wisener at 623-349-6621.

### Saturday

• Celebrate the dead with live performances and to-die-for food at Estrella Mountain Community College.

The college and Ballet Folklorico Esperanza have partnered to bring the annual Dia de los Muertos - or Day of the Dead - festival to Avondale.

The day of honoring the deceased will include a number of activities for the entire family.

It all takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at EMCC's Image Zone, located on the southeast lawn of the campus at Dysart and Thomas roads.

For information, call Christina Izaguirre at 623-935-8802.

• Get ready for some trick-or-treating at Goodyear's "Field of Screams."

The event takes place from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way in Goodyear.

Along with all the costume-wearing and candy-gathering, the event will include carnival rides, contests, a pumpkin patch and a hay maze, in addition to several vendor booths and concession stands.

Parking and admission are free. Rides and activities will have a charge. For information, call 623-882-3120.

# Halloween, Oct. 31

• Litchfield Park has got Halloween in the bag.

The city kicks off its 2010-11 Arts in the Park concert season with hits that will make any music fan scream.

Valley band the Rave will perform songs such as "Monster Mash" and "The Witch is Dead" from 3 to 5 p.m. on the front lawn of the Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa at 300 E. Wigwam Blvd.

Families are encouraged to take their lawn chairs or blankets, and to dress in their best Halloween costumes.

Admission is free.

For information, contact Maggie Harvey, special events coordinator, at 623-935-9040.

• West Valley churches are also getting in on the weekend of fun. Skyway Church of the West Valley, 14900 W. Van Buren St. in Goodyear, is hosting its harvest festival. Meanwhile, another Goodyear church - Christ Presbyterian Church, 925 N. Sarival Ave. - is putting on a free trunk-or-treat event. Both shindigs start at 6 p.m. and include candy, hot dogs, games and more.

More weekend fun can be found in the View's 9 Days A Week calendar on Page 16.

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