

Spooktacular slated for Oct. 28 at the Bullock

Games, treats, science activities planned at Halloween event

OCTOBER 18, 2016 (AUSTIN, TX) — Costumes encouraged as families explore the Bullock Museum after hours during Spooktacular, a free Halloween celebration on Oct. 28, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. Enjoy an evening of treats, games, and hands-on art and science activities for kids ages five and up. Plus, receive free admission to the museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

This year's program invites skeletons of all shapes and sizes to create glow in the dark art with Smudge Studios, experiment with bony science, and move their bones to the spooky beats. Come engineer the bones of a building, explore bones and joints to make a simple prosthetic hand, enjoy free screenings of *Toy Story of Terror*, and have fun with always popular Boo Bubbles!

"Spooktacular is a terrific opportunity for families with kids of all ages to enjoy time together at the Museum," Bullock Museum Head of Education Kate Betz said. "This year, kids will make art, experiment with science, and dance the night away all while learning about a classic Halloween favorite—skeletons."

The Austin nonprofit Girlstart will partner with the museum once again to bring the popular science series "Spooky Science Extravaganza" to Spooktacular. Families can enjoy hands-on activities like creating dry ice boo bubbles, exploring the structural and chemical properties of spider webs, climbing into a portable planetarium, watching vampire blood demos, and more.

"Halloween is a great time to have extra science fun," Girlstart Executive Director Tamara Hudgins said. "Goo, slime, bubbles, bones, and dry ice are all part of our Halloween tradition here at Girlstart. Each year, we bring back our favorite spooky



Skeletons of all shapes and sizes will find fun creating glow-in-the-dark art, experimenting with bony science, and moving their bones to the spooky beats at Spooktacular on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016. Plus, explore the Bullock Museum's exhibitions after hours while sporting your latest Halloween costume creation. Admission is free.

science activities and share them with children and families. Doing science together and having fun at the same time is a special way to share Halloween as a family."

Spooktacular offers an opportunity for Texas residents and visitors to experience the museum's Texas History Galleries at no charge. For more information about the museum or the 2016 Spooktacular event, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-4649.

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The Bullock Texas State History Museum includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX® and 4D special-effects theaters, a café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and host exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.

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