



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris State University Catches Halloween Spirit

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Here is a press release about Halloween-related events planned at Ferris State University, including the 5k Monster Dash, Cramer Hall Haunted Hotel and “Scream Around the World” for the university and Big Rapids communities. Questions can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.



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Here is a link to the online version of the release:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/october/halloween.htm>



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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will become a creepy campus filled with dashing monsters, zombie guides and pumpkins for painting during events to mark Halloween.

Campus organizations have scheduled some spooky stuff to celebrate Halloween, including the 5k Monster Dash, Cramer Hall Haunted Hotel and “Scream Around the World” for the university and Big Rapids communities.

The 5k Monster Dash, sponsored by the Ferris Running Club, begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The run will begin in the North Campus Quad on campus and wrap up in Big Rapids' Hemlock Park. Costumes are encouraged.

"Last year, we had a samurai, a tiger and Star Wars characters, among others," said Jonathan Kelly, a junior from Charlevoix and president of the Ferris Running Club. "I encourage groups of friends to dress up and come out to the race together."

More than 100 runners participated in the inaugural Halloween-themed race last year, Kelly said. The cost is \$15; proceeds benefit Colleges Against Cancer.

"I think students should take part in this event, because it does a lot of good things at once," he said. "It raises money for cancer research, it's a healthy and cost-effective way to get active and it's just a lot of fun to show up, see all the runners in costume and then run a race."

For more information on the 5K Monster Dash, including registration information, visit <http://www.active.com/running/big-rapids-mi/monster-dash-5k-2012> or the Monster Dash 5k Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/events/120146054803537/>.

Cramer Hall will transform from residence hall to haunted hotel on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27. The Cramer Hall Council turns the entire first floor into a Halloween haven featuring a maze guided by zombies and "haunted" rooms. While those activities are not recommended for children, a "kid zone" will feature pumpkin painting, coloring and Halloween movies.

"The haunted hotel is designed by students for students," said Amber Woyak, Cramer Hall director. "We want students to have a good, but scary time."

Hot cider, doughnuts and other treats will be offered during the event from 7 to 11 p.m. each night. There is no admission charge, but participants are encouraged to bring one canned good; donations will be given to Project Starburst.

"All food collected will go to a local charity that benefits the community that gives so much to Ferris," Woyak said.

On tap Wednesday, Oct. 31 is "Scream Around the World," hosted by Ferris Student Government. The event, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the North Campus Quad, will feature various organizations offering activities that represent different aspects of Halloween, such as pumpkin painting, pumpkin smashing, a costume contest and candy giveaways.

Admission is free, but some activities and treats carry a fee. Donations also will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit United Way, said Lonie Donald III, a senior from Detroit who serves as diversity chair for Ferris Student Government.

"United Way is a good organization and a good cause," said Donald, who also serves as president of Black Leaders Aspiring for Critical Knowledge, one of the participating

organizations. “The events are fun and tasteful, and ultimately, this is a great event to showcase to international students, the entire Ferris campus and the Big Rapids community all of the different aspects of the celebration of Halloween.”

For more information on the Cramer Hall Haunted Hotel and “Scream Around the World,” visit the University Events Calendar: <http://calendar.ferris.edu/>

Students can still celebrate Halloween on Thursday, Nov. 1 by wearing costumes to the Autumn Alive concert in Wink Arena. American pop-punk band We the Kings will headline the annual concert event sponsored by the Music Industry Management Association.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$10 for students with valid Ferris identification and \$20 for the public, are available at the Wink Arena box office and Rankin Student Center.

For more information on the event, visit the Autumn Alive Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Autumn.aLive>.

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