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No Tricks, All Treats! North Carolina Museum of History Hosts Halloween Parade in Downtown Raleigh

Parade will be led by First Lady of NC Kristin Cooper and Helping Hand Mission Marching Band



Calling all costumed kiddos and the young at heart! The North Carolina Museum of History, together with the North Carolina Museum of History Associates, will host a day of food, fun and spooky delight on Tuesday, October 31.

Come show off your costume! Kid-friendly crafts begin at 11 a.m., and the food truck So Good Pupusas will be parked on Edenton Street for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum will also host a flying aerialist and City of Raleigh fire truck on Bicentennial Plaza.

Starting at 2 p.m., **First Lady of North Carolina Kristin Cooper** will act as parade grand marshal and lead the **Helping Hand Mission Marching Band** and parade attendees from the top of Bicentennial Plaza to the Executive Mansion, as NC state government employees observe and cheer from the sidelines. Once at the Executive Mansion, parade-goers will receive a special treat.

State Capitol Police will be on hand for security.

"We always enjoy partnering with the North Carolina Museum of History and welcome any opportunity to bring children to the mansion," said First Lady Kristin Cooper.

Tuesday, October 31, is a teacher workday for traditional schools in Wake County.

For more information, visit ncmuseumofhistory.org/Halloween-Parade or call 919-807-7900.

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About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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