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**Boo at the Zoo tickets on sale this week**

ABILENE, TEXAS – Advance tickets now are on sale for the Abilene Zoo’s biggest event of the year: Boo at the Zoo. The popular Halloween party will take place Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Businesses, churches and clubs will host treat stops around the zoo, allowing little ghosts and goblins to gather goodies throughout the grounds.

“It takes hundreds of volunteers to throw a party this big, and we are always surprised by the creativity,” said event Chairman Claudia Diltz. “Everyone brings great ideas and festive spirits. It’s merry not scary.”

A sweet addition this year will be an area dubbed Trick or Treat town, where young guests can play games, enjoy snacks or burn off sugar while hopping in one of the zoo’s three bounce houses. Costume contests will take place in the pavilion every 30 minutes, while judges also will award prizes to the best treat stop displays.

To underscore the zoo’s mission to encourage conservation, trick-or-treaters are urged to bring their own reusable treat bags to collect candy.

Tickets for Boo at the Zoo cost \$5 for everyone three and older and are available at the gate on the day of the event. Advance tickets cost \$4.50 and can be picked up every day at the Zoo Store and at all Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union locations, as well as La Voz 93.3 radio or HispanicLife magazine.

Merchants or organizations interested in hosting a treat stop at Boo at the Zoo can call Events Coordinator Flavia Fernandes at 325-437-4914 or email [flavia.fernandes@abilenetx.com](mailto:flavia.fernandes@abilenetx.com).

**About the Abilene Zoo:**

Since its founding in 1966, the Abilene Zoo has stood as a place of learning and adventure, where visitors make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.

Situated on 16 acres in the award-winning Grover Nelson Park, the zoo has more than 1000 animals of 270 species from around the globe. The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Last admittance is 4 p.m. The zoo is open until 9 p.m. each Thursday all summer, with last admittance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. [www.abilenezoo.org](http://www.abilenezoo.org). 325-676-6085.

***Mission Statement:*** *The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.*