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Prepare to be Spooked at YMCA's 8th Annual Halloween Party

Northbrook, IL: October 2015 – As the leaves start to change and the air turns crisp and cool, the North Suburban YMCA is gearing up for another beloved autumn tradition: the annual Spooktacular Halloween Party. Now in its eighth year, this hugely popular public event transforms the entire Y into a celebration of Halloween spirit with activities for all ages. This year's party will be held on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, with exclusive early access for families of special needs children from 1:30 to 2:00 pm.

The Y's Halloween Spooktacular includes unique features to appeal to the entire family. The centerpiece of the party is the infamous Spooky Pool Boat Ride, which uses the Y's indoor pool for a one-of-a-kind haunted house experience. For those who prefer milder thrills, the party offers bounce houses, art projects, facepainting, costume contests, holiday-inspired snacks, a trackless train ride, and indoor trick-or-treating. New this year, guests will marvel at the Mysterious Maze, squirm at the Scary Sensory Stations, and say "cheese" in the Silly Selfie Photo Booth

"We're looking forward to making this year's Halloween Spooktacular the biggest and best yet," notes Howard Schultz, NSYMCA CEO and President. "It has grown into a major community event, with hundreds of families joining in the fun. It's a great opportunity to connect with your kids as well as your friends and neighbors."

Admission to the party is free for Y members, \$20 per family for non-members. Proceeds will benefit the Y's Strong Kids Fund, which makes Y's programs available to individuals and families in financial need. The Y is located at 2705 Techny Road, just east of Pfingsten Road, in Northbrook. 22nd Century Media is a proud sponsor of this event. Other local businesses and organizations are invited to participate as sponsors; contact Barb Flanagin, bflanagin@nsymca.org for more information.



Photo Caption: Get your best costume ready for the 8th Annual YMCA Spooktacular Halloween Party on October 25.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

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