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CHIMP HAVEN PREPARES FOR FALL FESTIVAL 2014

Keithville, LA: What better way to usher in the fall season than with Chimp Haven's Fall Festival 2014! Saturday, October 11, join us at the sanctuary for carnival fun. Located in the Eddie D. Jones Park off Highway 789 in Keithville, La., the second of two yearly festivals will take place, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission prices are: Adults – \$6, Children (6-12) – \$3 and Children (5 and under) – free. Activity tickets are \$.50 each.

One of the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary's largest public events, Fall Festival promises not to disappoint. In addition to the traditional happenings of Chimpanzee Discovery Days, the festival will have a carnival flare with games and foods, local band, Cajun-Dixon Line, cake walks, a string maze, face painting, chimpanzee story time, behind-the-scenes tours and our beloved resident chimpanzees. In addition to fun activities, children are invited to come dressed in their best Halloween costume to enter the Chimp Haven Halloween Costume Contest for a fantastic prize.

Sanctuary visitors are also encouraged to bring jars of peanut butter for the chimpanzees. The individual who brings in the most peanut butter will win a prize package that includes a behind-the-scenes tour.

"We are excited to offer Fall Festival 2014 to the Caddo Parish community and surrounding areas," Chimp Haven President and CEO Cathy Willis Spraetz said. "We thank our generous sponsors and volunteers for making this event possible; and we invite all to attend to not only have fun, but more importantly, to see this great sanctuary and learn the importance of its mission."

Fall Festival sponsors include: Presenting Sponsor Boggs and Poole Construction Group, Santa Maria Produce and Townsquare Media.

<u>Please view the Fall Festival schedule below. It is advised that individuals arrive early for the best chance to see the release of the chimpanzees.</u>

For more information about Fall Festival 2014, visit chimphaven.org or call 318.925.9575.

Schedule of Events

9 a.m.

Carnival Games Open

9:15 a.m.

Release of Robinson Habitat Chimpanzees

9:30 a.m.

Release of Butler Habitat Chimpanzees

Cake Walk (Ages: 6 and under)

9:45 a.m.

Behind-the-scenes Tour 1

10 a.m.

Cake Walk (Ages: 7-12)

10:15 a.m.

Chimp Chat (Location: Observation Deck)

10:25 a.m.

Behind-the-scenes Tour 2

10:30 a.m.

Cake Walk (Adults)

11 a.m.

Cake Walk (Ages: 6 and under)

11:05 a.m.

Behind-the-scenes Tour 3

11:15 a.m.

Chimp Chat (Location: Observation Deck)

11:30 a.m.

Cake Walk (Ages: 7-12)

11:45 a.m.

Behind-the-scenes Tour 4

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Cake Walk (Adults)

12:15 p.m.

Halloween Costume Contest (Near the stage)

Acknowledgement of Sponsors (Near the stage)

12:25 p.m.

Behind-the-scenes Tour 5

12:30 p.m.

Cake Walk (Any age)

1 p.m.

Fall Festival Ends

About Chimp Haven: Chimp Haven, The National Chimpanzee Sanctuary, is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide a permanent retirement sanctuary for chimpanzees no longer used for biomedical research, entertainment or as pets. Visit chimphaven.org for more information.