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## **Put on your costume for a bewitching day on the Plains of Abraham**

Québec, Tuesday October 21, 2009 – Heavenly princesses, evil sorcerers and monsters of all types are expected on the Plains of Abraham on this Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>. A colourful family day presented in collaboration with UNICEF. Activities, inflatable games, haunted tower, pumpkin decorating and parade on Grande Allée, everything is planned to delight the young and not so young, and send chills down the spine of the most courageous.



## Family Day and Costume Parade

Sunday October 25

From 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (gathering for the parade at 3:30 p.m.)

At Martello Tower 2 and the Joan of Arc Garden

\$2/person



At Martello Tower 2, daring youngsters will be introduced to dazzling knights before wandering through the haunted tower labyrinth. A course that is sometimes dark but always surprising, designed to scare them just a little, will await them: spatial lab, treasure island, scarecrows and witches, mummy and graveyard... even Harry Potter will be there! Young adventurers will gladly sample unusual delicacies and get to know the games that were popular in past centuries, including Jacob's ladder and cup-and-ball.



At the Joan of Arc Garden you will get to admire the mysterious legendary decorations that evoke the history of the Plains of Abraham: the white lady of Cape Diamond, the Sabbath, Halloween resuscitated, the Joan of Arc voices, *la Corriveau*, the widow's walk, the white stone, the ghosts behind bars, etc. There will be tombstones to remind strollers of personalities who left their mark on the park, including Joe Malone, Charles Lindbergh, John Gilmour, Calixa Lavallée and Adolphe-Basile Routier.



Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the fantastic rally, an entertaining self-guided tour in which even small children from the age of 5 will get to ask mini-questions. Youngsters can also climb aboard the mini-train and stretch their legs in the inflatable games: Excalibur Slide, Caribbean Treasure Hunt, Candy Factory and Enchanted Forest. Giant historic games will challenge the most skilful: wizard, bean bag, rings, bowls on slope and "berdinguette."





Visitors will encounter strange but friendly characters, some who seem to come straight from the medieval era, others that are simply comical: Doctor Sans-Pépin will give you a free “clownsultation”, Julie Desmots (“word-savvy”), a reporter always on the lookout for a scoop, and old “pépé”, who escaped from his home to come and celebrate with us!

For their part, the Katimavik eco-trainees will make families aware of the importance of buying locally grown foods. The agenda features an exchange of tips and recipes, a sampling of local products and for small children, arts and crafts and make-up.



At the UNICEF stand, art students will help children decorate a pumpkin. This humanitarian agency encourages families to keep the work of their little angels and take it home in exchange for a voluntary contribution. UNICEF volunteers will also be on hand to supply information on Halloween campaign programs and collect donations to help thousands of children from Malawi and Rwanda get an education.



At 5:30 p.m., go to the furthestmost part of the Joan of Arc Garden (behind the Loews le Concorde) to attend the

departure of the costume parade. Dressed in their best finery, parents and children will troop down Grande Allée up to Place George V. They will be offered sweet surprises opposite the St-Hubert Restaurant!

## Other activities to watch for:

### Joan of Arc Garden Decorations

Throughout October

Day or night, at the Joan of Arc Garden. Free access.

In her magnificent fall garden, Joan of Arc receives mysterious legendary decorations linked to the history of the Plains of Abraham.



## Guided Lantern Tour of the Park

October 23, 24, 30 and 31 (in French only)

At 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., starting point at 390, de Bernières. \$12/person (13 years old and over), reservations required

Take part in this most bewitching interactive pedestrian tour, and discover the Plains in a more ghoulish light, with its crimes, prostitution, duels, black masses, executions, and much more.

## Council of War at Martello Tower 2

October 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 (in French only)

At 7:00 p.m. at Martello Tower 2. \$35/18-64 years old, \$32/13-17 years old or 65 years old and over, reservations required

Become witness and suspect during a mystery 1814 period dinner and unmask the traitor hiding among you. Period, plot, military competition, anecdotes on military life, diet and duties of soldiers.

# Information and reservation



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