

AMERICAN LEGION POST 57

Legion hosting Kids Safe Halloween

Free family event
set for 6-8 p.m.
Saturday at Post 57.

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Local youngsters will have the opportunity to experience the frights and chills of Halloween night in a safe environment, during a free Halloween event.

The American Legion Kids Safe Halloween will take place 6-8 p.m. on Saturday at American Legion Post 57, located at 2602 SW Main Blvd. in Lake City. The event is open to the public at no charge for children 13 years old and under.

"We'll have hot dogs, chips and drinks for purchase," said Bill Huggins, Post Commander of American Legion Post 57. "We'll have a haunted house and the big hall in here will be cleaned out and there will be games all the way around the hall, to include a cape-walk in center with candy galore."

Huggins said legion members felt it was important to offer a safe Halloween event for local youngster.

"In this day and time when you go out taking your kids trick or treating, you don't know whose door you're knocking on," he said. "You don't know if it's a predator or a drug dealer might have slipped something in the candy. This is a safe place for parents to bring their kids knowing they're going to be looked out for and taken care of."

An estimated 30-40 members of the American Legion Post 57 family are expected to help with the event as well as several Columbia High School JROTC cadets helping with the children's games.

"Last year we had a little over 200 (children) participate in going through the haunted house," Huggins said. "We at the American Legion support our community and we want to do this for the kids and the community to make it a safe space for them on Halloween."



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American Legion Post 57 Commander Bill Huggins shows off some of the characters that will greet children for a Kids Safe Halloween event on Saturday.