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Family Fun and Inclusion for All Abilities at The Woodlands' Fall Festival

Wexford, PA – The Woodlands will host its annual Fall Festival, a celebration of inclusion and family fun open to all abilities, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20th. In addition to spreading awareness about enrichment programs for children and adults with disabilities, The Woodlands' Fall Festival provides the opportunity of inclusion for people of all abilities during this community event. "Our adapted activities during The Woodlands' Fall Festival offer everyone the opportunity to try new activities, develop attitudes and beliefs that support inclusion, and are helpful in forming social relationships and friendships with others," says Jesse Solomon, Woodlands' Director of Programs and Marketing. And, regarding the role of inclusion in society, "When recreation programs are truly inclusive, it benefits the entire community and gives our community an opportunity to directly reduce or end the isolation and exclusion that many people still face in their daily lives."

The free event will include field games, zip line rides, indoor swimming at The Wellness Center at The Woodlands, and sensory-friendly activities. Additional activities will include pumpkin painting, a "Not So Scary" Haunted Trail, and trick-or-treating. Family-friendly costumes are encouraged. Guests are welcome to enjoy complimentary food and to participate as judges in The Woodlands' Staff Chili Cook-Off. Live musical performances will be presented by The Chiodi Trio and Notes from the Heart Music Ensemble, a group of Woodlands' participants.

The Woodlands' Fall Festival is an open-house event that welcomes potential participants and community members to view the facilities and participate in activities on the campus. Tours of the facility will also be given for those considering registration for future retreats and camps.

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About The Woodlands

The Woodlands mission is to enrich the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness by providing adapted therapeutic programs that support and strengthen the development of skills in socialization, creative expression, environmental awareness, recreation, and spirituality at its fully-accessible Wexford, PA facility. Further information and a schedule of Woodlands' programming are available at www.mywoodlands.org.



A visitor to The Woodlands' explores the "Not So Scary" Haunted Trail during the 2017 Fall Festival.