Enjoy Two Museums for One Great Price at MCM & MMNS' Annual Park After Dark Event!

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Jackson, Miss. (October 19, 2026) -- The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and MDWFP's Museum of Natural Science (MMNS) invite you to their spook-tacular joint event Park After Dark on **Friday, October 23** from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy two award-winning museums for only $15 per person! You'll find spooky science and fang-tastic family fun activities at this special evening event. Guests can create creepy-crawly art, hunt for tricks and treats, and explore the LeFleur's Bluff Playground after-hours. Guests can travel safely between both museums using Spotter's Adventure Trail and wrap up the evening with a costume parade and a glow dance party at The Den.

- Tickets are available online and at the door for $15/Person (Ages 1+).
- Tickets can be purchased at both museums on the day of the event.
- Overflow parking will be available in the northbound lane of Museum Boulevard.
- Shuttle transportation between museums and Museum Boulevard provided.
- Guests must check-in at MCM or MMNS to get a wristband for activities.
- Visitors of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes!

Guests must purchase a Park After Dark event ticket for entry. General admission tickets and memberships are not valid for this event.

Learn more and pre-purchase tickets HERE.

MS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	MS MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE
Carnival Games Halloween Decoration Scavenger Hunt Monster's Ink: Temporary Tattoos Pumpkin Photo Opp Icky Sticky Slime Glow Party in the Park	The Odd-i-toreum and Mythbusting Build-a-Cryptid Tennessee Terror Fishing Game Alien Autopsy Operation Game UFO Disco Pascagoula River Sirens Photo Opp Bigfoot Stories and more!
SPOTTER'S ADVENTURE TRAIL & THE DEN	
Costume Parade Glow Dance Party in The Den	

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About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. MCM's two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through MCM at Home virtual programming, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and *Talk from the Start,* an initiative for parents and caregivers to promote language development in children from birth to five years old. MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today's '10Best Travel Award for Best Children's Museum. Learn more: www.mschildrensmuseum.org

About the MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' Museum of Natural Science is located in Jackson, tucked within historic LeFleur's Bluff State Park. The museum overlooks a 300-acre natural landscape, an open-air amphitheater, and 2.5 miles of nature trails. Inside, enjoy face to face encounters with more than 200 species of live fish, turtles, alligators, and other animals in a 100,000-gallon aquarium network of underwater habitats. Explore 73,000 square feet of exhibits featuring natural Mississippi settings filled with native plants and wildlife including deer, waterfowl, fossils, and Mississippi's endangered species. For nearly 90 years, the museum has thrilled and entertained visitors while pursuing its mission to promote understanding and appreciation of Mississippi's biological diversity through collections, research, scientific databases, education, and exhibits; and to inspire the people of our state to respect the environment and to preserve natural Mississippi. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a member of the Association of Science - Technology Centers. Please visit www.mdwfp.com/museum for more information.

About the LeFleur's Bluff

The LeFleur's Bluff is the shared campus between MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (MMNS) and the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and includes the LeFleur's Bluff Playground, The Den, and Spotter the Otter's Adventure Trail. The multi-purpose complex is used for recreational and educational activities. Admission to the park is free and open to the public.

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