

HALLOWEEN SPOOKFEST!

A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES PROMISE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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If you're looking for fun ways to celebrate Halloween this weekend, LBI offers a variety of activities for kids, adults and families.

BONFIRE AND STORYTELLING AT BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE STATE PARK 6:30-8 P.M. TODAY

All are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and marshmallows to the beach at Lighthouse State Park for an evening around the bonfire with spooky storyteller Robin Moore during this annual event, sponsored jointly by the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Park Service and Barnegat Lighthouse State Park.

"This is a fun get-together that families on LBI have enjoyed for years. We especially enjoy seeing all of the children's smiling faces as they sit around the fire — it's very rewarding for us," said Wells Mills County Park Chief Naturalist German Georgieff.

In the event of rain, the gathering will be relocated to the firehouse in Barnegat Light.

For more information, visit www.barnegatlight.org or call 609-494-9196.

PUMPKIN-CARVING EVENT AND CONTEST AT SWELLCOLORS GLASS STUDIO & GALLERY 110TH STREET AND LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, HAVEN BEACH TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY

Halloween enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to participate in the second annual CARVE event, taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day this weekend.

The \$6 fee includes a pumpkin, access to carving tools and refreshments. Pumpkins will be judged and winners announced in each of five categories on Oct. 31.

The collection of carved pumpkins will be lit up each night "to create a fun holiday atmosphere and celebrate the beauty of the season," said SwellColors owner and event organizer Mary Tantilio.

For more information, visit www.swellcolors.com or call 609-492-3783.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW AT THE ENGLSIDE INN 6 P.M. TODAY

Someone in the cast will die — but whodunit?

Audience members play an instrumental role in "Halloween: A Party to Die For," a murder-mystery presented by the SurfFlight-To-Go cast, an educational theater troupe that travels to schools throughout New Jersey. Prizes will be awarded to the best sleuths in the audience.

"Murder mysteries and Halloween are just a natural fit," said Brooke Salvanto, Development director for the SurfFlight Theatre.

The inn is at 30 Engleside Ave. in Beach Haven. Tickets are \$80 per person for the dinner show; overnight packages at the Engleside Inn also are available. Tickets still are available.

For more information, visit www.surf-flight.org or call 609-492-9477.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL AT TUCKERTON SEAPORT 6 TO 9 P.M. TODAY

Against the backdrop of the seaport, which offers a festive environment all weekend, attendees of the seaport's first costume ball will begin the evening with a trip up the creek aboard the 50-foot Black Pearl, complete with cocktails and an appearance by the New Jersey Devil.

The party continues afterward with a DJ, dancing and food under a tent on the boardwalk between the Marsh Elder building and Hotel De-Crab. While Halloween garb is not mandatory, Paul Hart, executive director of Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum, encourages guests to come in "inventive costumes to add to the fun and spirit of Halloween."

Tickets to the costume ball are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and still were available as of press time. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated inside one of the buildings. For more information, visit www.tuckertonseaport.org or call 609-296-8868.