

Spooky Woods!

WHAT IS SPOOKY WOODS?

Each year, the Manta Rays are a very important part of the Y's community-wide Halloween and food pantry collection. This annual event is free to all families in the community. There are games, prizes, good old fashion fall fun and of course, Spooky Woods. The woods near the new playground are transformed to become the infamous "Spooky Woods". Manta Ray guides lead children through the woods and tell the age old story of Spooky Woods.

OUR ROLE

The swimmers and Manta Rays families are all encouraged to take part of the Spooky Woods and Trunk or Treat portion of the Halloween celebration.

Please take a moment to look over the Spooky Woods events page under "Events" at gomantarays.org. We ask that families please commit Yes/No so we can get an idea of the number of participants. Job sign-ups for this event will be posted. We hope that you can be part of Spooky Woods or the Y's Halloween celebration and food pantry collection. Each job is very important and we would love to see as much participation as possible. Please note that some jobs require parents and others require swimmers to be over the age of 11. Swimmers under the required age are encouraged to help with decorations, set-up, attend the Y's full Halloween celebration and have fun!

Spooky Woods will be open from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Prior to the event, we will be collecting items to be used to decorate the woods or help with Trunk or Treat. Please feel free to get creative with decorations. LED candles that do not require an electrical outlet have been requested to help light the path so no one falls. Also, it will be very important for guides to bring flashlights!

We will also need help raking the woods and getting it ready to be set-up.

Most stations that need to be set up to have two separate volunteer times to allow flexibility with schedules. Volunteers who sign up for a time beginning at 6:00 p.m. will need to be at the Y no later than 5:30 p.m. Volunteers who sign up for a time slot beginning at 7:00 p.m. will need to be at the Y no later than 6:45 p.m.

A job of Spooky Woods Coordinator(s) has been added to the list of jobs. This can be a job for one person or shared responsibility. The Spooky Woods Coordinator is instrumental and needed to work with volunteers, ensure the woods are set-up, cleaned up and parents/swimmers understand roles. This is a very important job & is open to any parent or Senior swimmer w/ leadership abilities

Another essential role is that of clean-up. It's not the most glamorous job in the Woods but is very important to ensure that the woods are cleaned up and the decorations are put back in the correct spot so that they can be used again next year or returned to the original owner if necessary.