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Fall Fest, Village Bonfire Combine For Perfect Halloween in Glenwood

October 31 event at Living Springs and Arquilla Park perfect for families

Glenwood, IL – Along with the aroma of apple cider and pumpkin spices, there is a distinct whiff of something positively Rockwellian hovering in Glenwood, Illinois. The Annual Bonfire, hosted by the Village's Fire Department for decades, is now perfectly partnered with Living Springs Community Church Fall Fest for a Halloween evening of tradition and family-friendly fun that would simply delight Norman.

Friday, October 31, from 6 pm to 8 pm, area families visiting Living Springs, 19051 S Halsted in Glenwood, just blocks south of I-80/I-294, will enjoy an indoor Fest designed to, as Allen Jongsma, Director of Ministries and Administration explained, bless the community. Visitors will not just feel blessed; they'll find themselves warmly welcomed by the friendly, caring neighbors in this small town.

"This event helps us in our goal of impacting our community positively. It's a good experience for kids and is a safe, friendly alternative to trick-or-treating. The whole family can enjoy this together."

Jongsma encourages children to wear their costumes, as there will be a contest. There will also be pumpkin painting, inflatable bounce houses and refreshments of hot dogs, chips and beverages. For a real throwback to simpler times, a Cake Walk will be held, where a musical-chairs type of elimination results in the winner being awarded a home-baked cake. Volunteers from Living Springs and the community will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, with children able to go to each vehicle's trunk and collect candy and other goodies.

At 8 pm, the Fest closes and, with a short walk, drive or bike to Arquilla Park at 223 N Park Drive, the Bonfire begins. Taneisha Hopson, who grew up in Glenwood and now works for the Fire Department there, says, "The Bonfire was a great way to be able to spend time with friends as I grew up. I look at the teenagers now and think, 'That was me 15 years ago.' It's a really fun tradition."

The Fall Fest and Bonfire are completely free to attend, with free parking conveniently available. For more information, visit www.livingspringscc.org or www.villageofglenwood.com, or call 708-709-0100.

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