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19th Annual Boo at the Zoo Provides Family Fun, Helps Community

Boo at the Zoo is an annual event held at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo. The event will be held Monday, October 31 from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. The event is presented by students and staff of the Zoo Animal Technology Program at SFC. The event will be a safe, fun Halloween experience for children.

Children from Gainesville and surrounding communities are invited to trick-or-treat at the zoo. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costumes. Children should also bring a trick-or-treat bag to collect candy at locations in the zoo. If arriving after 5 p.m., please bring a flashlight.

Admission to the trick-or-treat event is one canned food item per person, donated to local food banks for the holiday season.

"Boo at the Zoo is the wildest and safest Halloween adventure in Gainesville," said Tarah Jacobs, Zoo Education Specialist. "This is a family oriented event where the community comes together to enjoy a night of safe trick-or-treating while making a difference during the holiday season."

The event is sponsored by SFC Student Leadership & Activities and Publix Supermarkets. The zoo is located at 3000 N.W. 83rd Street (behind the gym), Gainesville, Fla. For more information, please call (352) 395-5601 or visit sfcollege.edu/zoo.

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About Santa Fe College – Since 1965, Santa Fe College has provided access to affordable, quality higher education for citizens of Alachua and Bradford Counties. Winner of the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, Santa Fe College offers more than 80 degree programs, including the Zoo Animal Technology Program, a premier wild animal technology program in the United States. The SFC Teaching Zoo features more than 75 animal species on 10 acres of habitat exhibits. The zoo is open to the public and is visited by more than 30,000 visitors each year.