

NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA 2705 Techny Road Northbrook, IL 60062

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## YMCA Invites the Community to 7th Annual Spooktacular Halloween Party on October 19

**Northbrook, IL: September 2014** – Halloween spirit gets an early boost on Sunday, October 19, when the North Suburban YMCA opens its doors to the public for its Seventh Annual Spooktacular Halloween Party. The celebration, which has become a hugely popular local tradition, transforms the YMCA into a festival of Halloween fun for all ages. The party runs from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, with exclusive early access for families of special needs children from 1:30 to 2:00 pm.

The entire Y facility is dedicated to the party, including a number of new activities and prize opportunities. Parents and kids can work off some energy in a fun glow-in-the-dark "Spooky Zumba" class, and participate in a number of new outdoor activities. Guests will have the chance to win cash prizes in a "Split the Cauldron" raffle fundraiser and to bid on a variety of items in a silent auction, with proceeds supporting the Y's Strong Kids Fund. The party will also feature perennial favorites like inflatable bounce houses, art projects, facepainting, costume contests, and holiday-inspired snacks. Families can enjoy indoor trick-or-treating, and brave souls can explore a haunted house that includes a one-of-a-kind Spooky Pool Boat Ride.

"Every year, our Halloween party has grown with more guests, more activities, and more sponsors," notes Howard Schultz, NSYMCA Executive Director/CEO. "Families come back year after year, and we make sure to offer a wide variety of activities so everyone in the family has something to enjoy. It brings our entire community together."

Admission to the party is free for Y members, \$10 per family for non-members. Proceeds will benefit the Y's Strong Kids Fund, which makes Y's programs available to individuals and families in financial need. The Y is located at 2705 Techny Road, just east of Pfingsten Road, in Northbrook. Lead sponsors for the party include 22<sup>nd</sup> Century Media, F.E. Moran, The Complete Dog, and Wolf's Lair K9 Training. Other local businesses and organizations are invited to participate as sponsors; contact Barb Flanagin, blflanagin@nsymca.org for more information.



Photo Caption: Costume contests are just part of the fun at the North Suburban Y's Annual Spooky Halloween Party on October 19.



Photo 2 Caption: Facepainting artists will create fun and spooky designs at the YMCA's annual Halloween Party on October 19.

## **About the North Suburban YMCA**

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

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