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## **23rd ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH BRINGS FALL FAMILY FUN TO GREATER HOUSTON**

*Pumpkin Patch is a free, annual event hosted by the Nature Discovery Center*

[Houston, TX – September 27, 2016] — The Nature Discovery Center invites you to join us for a fun-filled family afternoon in Russ Pitman Park. The 23rd annual Pumpkin Patch will be held on October 15-16 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the south end of Russ Pitman Park.

Fall inspired activities include themed festival games for children of all ages, an obstacle course bounce house, a Pumpkin Patch photo station, a horse-drawn wagon ride, and of course, pumpkins! Festival attendees are encouraged to wear their costumes and enjoy the day with family and friends. Admission to the festival is free, but tickets are required for food, games and activities. Pumpkins will be sold for cash or tickets.

Putting on the festival is truly a community effort. Did you know that the Bellaire High School baseball team has helped unload pumpkins the night before the event for about 8 years? The event is made possible through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, including longstanding helpers like the National Charity League, The Junior League of Houston, Inc., and various clubs from area high schools and universities. This year's event is generously sponsored by ACME Party and Tent, Neighbors Emergency Center, and Village Plumbing and Home Services.

"All families are encouraged to join in our fall fun. Pumpkin picking has always been a favorite activity of mine, and I hope that the pumpkin patch in our nature park brings a smile to all the kids and their families. Not only does Pumpkin Patch provide a safe and healthy event for children but it is also a public thank you to the families and residents that support our mission across Greater Houston" said Anne Eisner, Program Coordinator, Nature Discovery Center.

Though there is always street parking available in the surrounding neighborhood, attendees can also take advantage of free event parking at the Bellaire United Methodist Church (at the corner of Bellaire Blvd. and Newcastle St.) and enjoy complimentary shuttle service to and from Russ Pitman Park.

For more event information and for pictures and videos from past Pumpkin Patch festivals, please visit [www.naturediscoverycenter.org/pumpkin-patch](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/pumpkin-patch).

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### **ABOUT THE HANA AND ARTHUR GINZBARG NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER**

Founded in 1988, the Hana and Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center sparks interest in nature and science through high-quality educational programming and its four-acre outdoor classroom, the Russ Pitman Park. The 501(c)(3) organization aims to stimulate a desire to explore, discover, learn, nourish the inquiring mind and keep a sense of wonder alive for all ages.