

Discovery Theater & NATIONAL CHILDREN'S museum

present

The "Not So Spooky" Halloween Show!



Welcome to Discovery Theater and Happy Halloween!! We are excited to have the National Children's Museum with us. They have created a wonderful and exciting puppet play called, "Why Bats Fly at Night," which tells the creation tale of the Kono People, an African Tribe from Sierra Leone. Then Discovery Theater brings you a brand new, fun interactive story called, "The Ghosties' Happy Day" about a couple of Ghosts who finally get to explore the world and make new friends on Halloween.

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Where is Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leone is a small country on the West Coast of Africa. Freetown, founded as a home for former slaves in 1787, is the capitol and largest city of Sierra Leone. Major industries are cigarettes manufacturing, fish packing, rice milling, and diamond cutting. In 2002, British troupes with the aid of the United Nations put an end to a more than decade long Civil War in Sierra Leon. Since then, government has worked to rebuild the country and re-establish democracy.



FUN FACT: The name Sierra Leone means “**Lion Mountains.**”

www.sierra-leone.org - to learn more about Sierra Leone.

Who Are the Kono People?

According to historians, Kono tradition says that the Kono's were once a powerful people in what is present-day Guinea and Mali. Today, the Kono people live in Guinea and Sierra Leone. Most Kono's make their living as farmers of rice, cassava, corn, and beans. They are also diamond miners.

Kono Proverbs

~The bird that knows is different from the bird that understands.

~When you don't get along with a hunter in town, don't follow him to the bush.

www.kondu.org/kono.html - to learn more about the Kono People.





Why Do Bats Fly at Night?

According to Kono Legend, a long time ago when the earth was new there was no darkness or cold. Life was happy, warm and bright, until one day a bat was given the task of flying a mysterious basket to the moon. Now, the bat did not know that the basket contained darkness, so he flew to the moon. Soon, the basket became heavy and the bat needed to stop to find food and take a nap. Meanwhile, other curious animals discovered the basket and opened it to see what was inside. When they did, out leapt the darkness! Ever since that time, bats rest during the day and spend their nights flying through the night skies. The bats are trying to catch all of the bits and pieces of darkness, put them back in the basket and fly them to the moon.



www.utexas.edu/features/archive/2004/bats.html - to learn more about how bats use sound and time to fly.

Fun Bat Facts

-  A single bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in just 1 hour!
-  To see in the dark, bats use **Echolocation**, high frequency vocalizations similar to radar that bats emit as they fly.
-  Bats do not like the cold weather. Many will migrate over a thousand miles in order to get to places that are warm.
-  The majority of bats could fit in the palm of your hand!

www.about-bats.com/index.html#Facts to learn more fun Bat facts.

www.kidzone.ws/animals/bats/facts.htm - to learn more about bats.

3 Word Story Game

Discovery Theater's Artistic Director, Roberta Gasbarre, loves to create and share stories. This Halloween you can turn your Halloween Costume character into the Lead of a Story! Here's how:

- Step 1:** Children should sit in a circle facing each other.
- Step 2:** Start by saying three words, like "This Halloween, Ariel" or "Tonight, Batman will" or "Every Halloween Ghosts"
- Step 3:** The person sitting to the right of you goes next, saying the next 3 words that follows yours.
- Step 4:** Continue along the circle, forming sentences 3 words at a time until you've completed an entire story.

Halloween Fun Word Search

bat
black
broom
cat
costumes
ghosts
halloween
hoot
monster
moon
mummy
night
owl

pumpkin
scare
skeleton
spider
spirits
spooky
vampire
witch

g h o s t s b a t n t
b o l h s p o o k y p
v o b a w i t c h o u
a t l l b r o o m w m
m q a l n i g h t l p
p j c o s t u m e s k
i n k w a s c a t p i
r s k e l e t o n i n
e j e e m u m m y d f
i m o n s t e r q e v
m o o n o e s c a r e



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