

The following is a list of fall activities, many of them free, that you may enjoy with your child. Another list will be out as winter approaches, but let's not rush it☺

Attend the **Dane County Fire Truck Parade**. Dane Co Fire Chief's Annual Fire Safety Parade will be on Sunday October 4th, 2009. A parade of fire trucks and vehicles will start at 1:00pm and the bottom of State Street. The Parade will end at the State Capitol square. The vehicles and trucks will then be on display until 3pm. For more information call 608-261-9845

Visit the UW Arboretum - Enjoy the free Fall Colors Tour on the Arboretum Badger Trolley beginning October 11 and running through the fall. Free narrated tours aboard the Badger Trolley begin at the Visitor Center at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Tours last approximately 45 minutes. View the prairies and woodlands in beautiful fall color and learn more about the Arboretum's history and purpose." <http://www.uwarboretum.org>

Stella Luna at the Capitol Theatre – **Saturday, October 17th**. **The play is appropriate for ages 4-9. Seats are \$14 and \$18. For tickets or more information, call 258-4141.**

Have fun at **Kids in the Rotunda** at the Madison Overture Center (Free) .Saturdays at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM. 1 PM shows are sign language interpreted. Visit <http://www.overturecenter.com/community/kids-in-the-rotunda/performance-schedule> for a complete schedule.

Visit the **Chazen Museum of Art** at the UW Campus and enjoy the live chamber music on Sunday afternoons (as heard on NPR's Sunday Afternoons Live at the Chazen) from 12:30 to 2:00. <http://www.chazen.wisc.edu>

Visit the **Aldo Leopold Nature Center** <http://www.naturenet.com> on Femrite Drive in Monona. Check out their calendar for a list of fun fall events

Explore the **UW Madison Geology Museum** <http://www.geology.wisc.edu/~museum/>

Enjoy a Pontoon boat ride in **Horicon Marsh** to see the fall colors and birds and animals in their natural habitats. http://www.horiconmarsh.com/tours/pontoon/pontoon_list.cfm?siteid=3

Haunted Houses, Corn Mazes and Pumpkins!

Halloween at the Zoo!! Sunday, October 25, 2009 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Halloween at the Zoo is a celebration for the entire community that includes free Trick-or-Treating, a Fun House, and music by Ken Lonquist and The Kenland Band, which will take place at 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00 in the Education Pavilion. www.vilaszo.org

Visit **Eplegaarden** in Fitchburg and take a horse drawn wagon ride or pick some apples for a pie. <http://www.eplegaarden.com/> Through out September and October check out the Halloween themed haunted decorations, pumpkin plukkin, Harold Potterson's Hallowed Haunts and Harried Hunts, old barn loft and silo (possibly haunted), and fun activities for kids of all ages.

Enjoy fall at **Schuster's Playtime Farm** in Deerfield. This year's 9 acre corn maze has the theme "Share Your Lunch Money" with proceeds going to Second Harvest and Community Action Coalition. There are also hayrides, a very scary Haunted Forest (not recommended for kids under 11) a barnyard activity area, concessions and more.

<http://schustersplaytimefarm.com>

Get lost in the **Trienen Farm** corn maze in Lodi. This year's maze is a 15 acre mermaid. <http://www.treinenfarm.com> Tour during the day or bring a flashlight for a night tour (if you're brave enough). There are also pumpkin patches and hayrides.

Haunted Houses: Horror in the Dark (Olin Park) \$8, opens October 17th, Wisconsin Fear Grounds www.wisconsinfeargrounds.com, 3 Haunted Houses in one location (Waukesha), The Haunted Barn (Stoughton) www.the-haunted-barn-.com Fright Factory Haunted House with 15 scenes and 2 mazes sure to "scare your pants off" www.janesvillehauntedhouse.com

Hinchley's Dairy Farm Tours and Haunted Hayrides. Hinchley's is a working dairy farm. Tours are offered from April 15th to October 31. See baby farm animals, milk a cow, gather eggs and take a tractor ride. <http://www.dairyfarmtours.com/> visit www.hinchleyshaunts.com for a list of family hayrides and haunted house options only for the month of October. Visit the **Madison Children's Museum**. The first Sunday of every month is free for all! <http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.com>

Visit these sites to find even more fun and free things to do. They are updated on a regular basis.

www.1055triple.com

<http://www.visitmadison.com/kidscorner/>

<http://www.thedailypage.com/going-out/theguide/results.php?section=19>

<http://www.madisonareaparentsguide.com/parentsguideevents.html>