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Lake Compounce Prepares For A Spook-tacular October with Haunted Graveyard

New Haunted Mansion and "Demons of Darkness" are Part of the 2006 Expansions

BRISTOL/SOUTHINGTON, CT (September 13, 2006) – The Haunted Graveyard, New England's largest and scariest Halloween event, opens at Lake Compounce for its eighth year on Friday, September 29, 2006 and will remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night through October 29, 2006. The Haunted Graveyard will also be open on October 31st, for Halloween. Virtually the entire park will be transformed into a haunting Halloween experience, featuring decorated walkways, eerie music and fog and the legendary 45-minute walk through Haunted Graveyard itself.

This year, the Graveyard boasts several new features, including a brand new mansion filled with unexpected scares, and a dark hallway inhabited by mysterious spirits, called Demons of Darkness. As always, a portion of the proceeds will be going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Haunted Graveyard began in 1991 when Ernie and Carol Romegialli's daughter, Johanna, was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. "We started decorating our yard in Middletown, Connecticut for Halloween, thinking it would keep Johanna's mind off candy. Every year, the displays of decoration just kept getting bigger and bigger. It outgrew our yard and has since evolved into Southern New England's largest Halloween attraction," said Romegialli.

The Haunted Graveyard is a mammoth walk-through that features seven haunted houses and a graveyard linked by a labyrinth of terrifying trails. This year even more detail will be added to each house which will create unusual special effects and a countless number of scares.

"We add new things every year and even change up the old stuff. We never want our visitors to predict when they're about to get scared," said Romegialli.

“We are excited for the 2007 season and promise a thrilling experience for everyone that comes down,” added Jerry Brick, GM at Lake Compounce. “The Haunted Graveyard is a great event, and the cause is so worthwhile. We’re proud to be involved.”

The Haunted Graveyard will begin at dusk, but park gates open at 5 pm each evening. At that time, visitors can purchase tickets to the Graveyard with the virtual queue system, which improves wait time in line, and go on rides and attractions throughout the park. Lake Compounce will operate its rides and attractions until 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and until 10 pm on Sundays. There will be no rides operating on Monday, October 31. Only the Haunted Graveyard will be open.

The combo admission rate for both rides and The Haunted Graveyard is \$26.95 and \$19.95 for children under 12. Rides only or Haunted Graveyard only cost \$17.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children under 12. Unlimited free soda is included with admission. Group rates are available for combo admission tickets only, for groups of 15 or more with 7-day advance reservations.

For more information, call (860) 583-3300, or the 24 hour hotline at (860) 280-3399. You can also visit www.lakecompounce.com or www.hauntedgraveyard.com.

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Note to Editors: Haunted Graveyard images are available on the park's web site at www.lakecompounce.com. Go to the 'Media Mart' and click on 'Park Photos' then 'Haunted Graveyard' for a wide selection of images.