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“Hauntings at The Hermitage” celebrates its 13th year
Family friendly event offers fun, spooky and safe activities for kids of all ages,
Regions Bank will offer 450 free tickets

September 23, 2013 – Andrew Jackson’s home, The Hermitage, will once again host the family friendly “Hauntings at The Hermitage” on October 25 -26, announced CEO Howard J. Kittell.

“This event is such fun for the whole family,” said Kittell. “We have been celebrating Halloween with ‘Hauntings at The Hermitage’ for 13 years now, and it’s become a very popular weekend – especially for families looking for something fun, safe and friendly for children of all ages.”

Visitors at “Hauntings at The Hermitage” will hear spooky ghost stories and take the haunted hay ride through The Hermitage fields and old barn. Halloween themed movies will play in an outdoor movie theater, and an array of fun music, games and activity stations will be available for kids. Doors open at 5:30 and last tickets will be sold at 9 p.m. Tickets start at \$6 and are available online at www.thehermitage.com or at The Hermitage ticket office.

The full list of family friendly activities at “Hauntings at The Hermitage” includes:

- A Presidential Trick-or-Treat Trail featuring Andrew & Rachel Jackson, John & Jackie Kennedy, Martin Van Buren and more (guests can bring their own treat bag)
- Ghostly storytelling
- A Monster Mash dance party
- Potion making
- Haunted hay rides through The Hermitage fields and barns
- Spooktacular outdoor movies on the lawn
- Fortune telling
- Fun Halloween games for kids
- Pumpkin decorating

The Hermitage is proud to partner with Regions Bank for “Regions Free Days,” their annual initiative offering free access to one area attraction or event each month. As part of this initiative, on October 1 at 10:00 a.m., 450 free tickets to the Oct 26th night ONLY of “Hauntings at The Hermitage” will be available at www.thehermitage.com.

“Hauntings at The Hermitage” is sponsored by Old Hickory Credit Union, Tri-Green Equipment, The Turnip Truck, Regions Bank and Twice Daily.

About The Hermitage

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the State of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America's first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. Thanks to efforts of this nonprofit organization, the mansion is the most accurately preserved early presidential home in the country. The Hermitage is a national model for authenticity, conservation, and historic preservation. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of some 180,000 annual visitors, including 30,000 school children, from all 50 states and many foreign countries; in fact, we interpret The Hermitage mansion in five foreign languages. The property also receives 30,000 annual visits from the local community, including more than 1,000 children who play Little League baseball at The Hermitage's Rotary Park. The Hermitage is a "Partner Place" with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a site along the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.