NAPLES ZOO *at* **CARIBBEAN GARDENS** 6 October 2009

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BOO at the ZOO: Lions & Leopards "Carve" Pumpkins while Kids Trick-or-Treat at Naples Zoo

Naples, FL - Kids can have a wildly good time celebrating Halloween at Naples Zoo during **Boo at the Zoo** on Saturday, October 24. Naples Zoo is partnering with *95.3 OLZ, Z100 Move to the Music, Cat Country 107.1 and 105.5 The Beat* for this merry, not scary, celebration. For kids up to age 12, there will be a fun costume contest along with trick or treating throughout the Zoo between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. And everyone can watch rare animals going wild "carving" pumpkins with tooth and claw.

With at least one child in costume, the whole family will receive 50% off regular admission. For this family-friendly event, only adults accompanied by children are permitted to come in costume. Guests not wanting to get dressed up can print a 50% off Florida resident discount coupon from www.napleszoo.org valid through November 8, 2009.

All day long, guests will discover some of the Zoo's spookier critters in the shows including monsters and a dragon - Gila monsters and a Komodo dragon, that is. Additional events include:

3:00 p.m.	Trick-or-Treating Begins
3:00 p.m.	Meet the Keeper: South African Lions "Carving" Pumpkins
3:30 p.m.	Alligator Bay Feeding with a Halloween Flavor
4:00 p.m.	Meet the Keeper: Leopards "Carving" Pumpkins
4:30 p.m.	Pumpkins delivered to Primates on Islands
5:00 p.m.	Black Bears "Carve" their Pumpkins
6:00 p.m.	Kids Costume Contest in Safari Canyon Theater
6:30 p.m.	Red River Hogs Stomp and Chomp Pumpkins
7:00 p.m.	Go Home and Eat Candy!

When: **Saturday, October 24, 2009** Enter as early as 9:00 a.m.

Where: **Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens** 1590 Goodlette-Frank Rd in Naples

Photos: Images of animals with pumpkins available for immediate media use at www.napleszoo.com/press