



Albany, Mo.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Autumn is a wonderful time of the year for the youth of any city, but especially for the smaller towns like Albany. The Youth Council has offered in the past a haunted house for the city's youth to attend, but wanted something different this year. The Golden Living Center has been supportive for our youth and once again they showed a desire to help the community by sponsoring our Halloween Spooktacular.

The Youth Council met with the Administrator and provided detailed plans of how they wanted to provide a maze with several scary stops and objects within the maze. The plan was approved and during several meetings of the Youth Council a detailed drawing of the maze was finalized and all agreed that it would indeed be a scary evening for the Halloween attendees.

With the help of many of the local merchants, supplies were obtained and Halloween lights and scary pop-up characters were donated, as well as food and drink for the attendees. On Halloween several of the parents and volunteers helped the Youth Council organize the lighting and the maze with the many scary details, so that by nightfall, the lights, spider webs and scary noises were enough to scare even the oldest of the attendees. Every time we heard a scream, we knew we scared another of the many children going through the maze.

The Youth Council counted over a hundred attendees entering the maze and, thankfully, the same number exited. This was such a success that a version of it will be repeated again next year, because we feel that we need fore functions of this type to offer the youth an option to have fun rather than get into trouble during the Halloween season.
