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Boys & Girls Club Fun Run to Raise Funds

The Boys & Girls Club of Perris is hosting a 5-kilometer walk/run on Halloween to raise funds for its after-school programs, which include homework help, snacks and supervised play time.

The Oct. 31 event begins and ends at Frank Eaton Memorial Park, 3600 Bradley Road. Participants are urged to wear their Halloween costumes for the run and face-painters will be on hand to keep everyone in the spirit of the day.

The City of Perris is sponsoring the "Spooky Walk/Run", which is part of its ongoing Live Well Perris health initiative, which emphasizes improving the quality of life through exercise and smarter food choices.

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Members of the Boys & Girls Club are pictured during a recent morning at the clubhouse on the City Hall Campus. The club and the City of Perris are hosting a 5-kilometer walk/run on Halloween to raise funds for after-school activities.

"Our partnership with the City of Perris has been fantastic," said club chairman Jose Ramos. "It's helped to grow the number of children participating on our programs from 100 to 350. It's been a very fruitful relationship—it's been great."

Ramos said the Boy & Girls Club hopes at least 200 people take part in the Halloween event. Registration is \$25 for those 12 years and up; it's \$15 for those under 12. Everyone gets a participation medal and t-shirt.



Shauntel Jeter, a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Perris, holds a flyer announcing the "spooky walk/run" at Frank Eaton Park.

Perris City Clerk Nancy Salazar, who is helping organize the walk-run, said she will be taking part in the festivities with her daughters, Kloe, 4, and Alison, 17.

"This is something exciting that the whole community can look forward to," she said. "It's great to get a little exercise before going out and trick-or-treating. It will be cute to see the kids dressed up in their costumes and exercising is a great treat we can give ourselves."

Salazar said the City is committed to supporting healthy lifestyles for its residents.

"It's important for everyone in Perris to eat healthy and exercise," she said. "Sponsoring this activity is a great thing to do."



A banner announcing the upcoming Halloween event recently went up on Perris Boulevard south of Ramona Expressway.

On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. on Oct. 31. The first group of runners takes off at 8 a.m., followed by the second group at 8:15 a.m. The third group, composed of families and children, leaves at 8:30 a.m. The day's activities also includes a Family Fun Festival and Health Fair, which runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Online registration is available [here](https://go.gi/vrpuke). Additional information about the Halloween event is available at questions@boysandgirlsclubofperris.org.

Individuals or agencies interested in sponsoring the event may contact chief executive office Jackie Ramos at 951-858-1671 or jramos@boysandgirlsclubofperris.org.



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