CASTLE PARK RESURRECTS CASTLE DARK FOR FRIGHTENING FALL FUN

Inland Empire's Favorite amusement park transforms this October with new Scare Zones, Mazes & Monsters

Riverside, CA (July 23, 2021) – This fall, Castle Park transforms into an arena of screams and scares for Castle Dark! As night falls, the scariest Riverside Halloween experience makes your absolute worst nightmares a reality. Returning after a one-year hiatus, Castle Dark will welcome brave guests every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from October 1 through October 31. New in 2021, the spookiness stretches extra hours! Castle Dark will haunt the Inland Empire from 7 p.m. – 12 a.m. on Fridays & Saturdays, and 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Sundays.

"Since Castle Park reopened earlier this year, we have expanded on our events, and Castle Dark is no exception," said General Manager Ken Withers, "We are bringing our guests affordable entertainment options by adding new and updated mazes for the 2021 season."

Headlining the haunted experience at Castle Dark are three terrifying mazes, each with a different, twisted theme. NEW for 2021, guests will come face to face with their worst fears in Castle Dark's largest ever maze, **Phobias**. Tight spaces, snakes, the dark, no guest will leave without facing their phobias in this fully immersive and interactive thriller. Those that survive will find no time for clownin' around as they visit **Mr. Tubb\$' Twisted Circus**! This circus is a show of oddities like no other, filled with freaks of nature, twisted acrobats, and crazy clowns. Then, head **Home Sweet Home.** Guests are invited to a fun family gathering, but this family is not all they appear to be. Watch out for Daddy, he's having a really bad day...

Beyond the haunted mazes, Castle Dark offers four Scare Zones:

- Dark Harvest, where anyone found guilty of using witchcraft will be shown no mercy
- The Inferno, a series of darkly lit streets, where cult worshippers believes only the dead are truly saved
- The Streets of La Sierra where once dead family members rise from their graves to haunt those they left behind
- The Midway, packed like a clown car with demented circus folk, roaming the streets in search of new audiences to delightfully torment.

In addition, Castle Park's 2 dozen rides & attractions will operate during Castle Dark, as well as their 4 award winning miniature golf courses.

Castle Dark at Castle Park is a special ticketed event requiring a separate ticket for admission – but Premium and Platinum Annual Passholders get unlimited admission! Castle Dark is not recommended for children under 13 or the faint of heart. Hours of operation may vary. For those under the recommended age of 13, Castle Dark, Dia De Los Muertos will return during the day for fall festivities and family fun.

A Castle Dark pre-sale begins soon; be the first to know when tickets go on sale by signing up for the Castle Park newsletter at CastlePark.com/newsletter.

Castle Park needs many monsters to make your worst nightmares a reality! The park is looking to hire up to 150 scare actors. Interested applicants, 18 years of age and older, can attend auditions on July 31, August 1, 7 or 8 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. More details can be found online at <u>CastlePark.com/Castle-Dark.</u>

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Castle Park, located in the heart of Riverside, is the Inland Empire's favorite destination for family fun. The Park features over 25 family-friendly rides and attractions, four championship miniature golf courses, a vast selection of carnival midway games, a water playground, and a video arcade.