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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Lee Richardson Zoo

Re: The Great Pumpkin at Lee Richardson Zoo

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Are your jack-o-lanterns the envy of the neighborhood? Are you looking for a way to express your creativity in playful pumpkins, great gourds, and silly squashes? Then enter the Lee Richardson Zoo's first ever Great Pumpkin carving contest. Simply carve or create a festive pumpkin and drop it off at the Finnup Center for Conservation Education, 312 E. Finnup Dr., any time between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 29. Zoo staff will select the top three most creative pumpkins on Friday, October 30. Winning pumpkins and a select group of honorable mentions will be on display in front of the lion and tiger exhibits all day Saturday, October 31.

First place wins you a family membership to the Lee Richardson Zoo. Second place will receive a plush wolf, and third place will get a coupon for a free soda and popcorn from the Safari Shoppe. The real winners, however, will be the Zoo animals! All entry pumpkins will randomly be given to Zoo animals as treats beginning Sunday, November 1!

All designs must be appropriate for public display. Pumpkins must be safe for animal enrichment and consumption (to play with or eat) at the end of the contest. Pumpkins should be carved and have no inedible attachments (e.g., paint, candles, glue or other items attached or inside.) Additions in the form of fruit, gourds or vegetables are permissible if they are secured without the use of glue, toothpicks, or other sharp, unsafe and inedible objects. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Mills, Curator of Education, at the Zoo at 620-276-1250 or mmills@garden-city.org.