Expo offers events for entire family

Oconee Chamber sponsors Oct. 28 event at Shaver Center

SENECA — The Oconee County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Business of Oconee Expo from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Shaver Center.

The Expo, which is open to the public, will feature displays and special offers from dozens of local merchants, free food, inflatables, Halloween characters and candy for the kids, live music with the band Conservation Theory and educational seminars conducted by SCORE and lots more.

"It's a way to showcase the businesses of Oconee that have endured through these tough economic times and say thanks to the community for supporting our local businesses," explained Van Miller, vice chair of the Oconee Chamber and chair of the planning committee.

"The nickname for the event is the 'BOO' Expo because it's also an early Halloween for the kids, where they can get treats safely, play on inflatables and enjoy costumed characters from The Walhalla Players and the Oconee Community Theater. We encourage the whole family to attend."

For business owners, the event is an opportunity to network with other business people and reach consumers at the start of the holiday season.

For local residents, the Expo offers discounts and special offers from dozens of businesses, free food from local restaurants, music and fun for the kids.

There is no entry fee and Expo activities are free to the public.

"This is a great opportunity to say 'Boo' to the recession and come together as a community to support our local businesses," Miller said.

For information about renting a booth, visit the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce website at www.oconeechambersc.com or call the Chamber office at (864) 882-2097.

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