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NAME OF PROGRAM: **GYC CARNIVAL**

DATES: May 6-11, 2008

TIMES: May 6-8, 4:00 – 11:00 pm
Friday, May 9, 4:00 pm – closing
Saturday, May 10, 10:00 am – closing
Sunday, May 11, noon – 8:00 pm

FEES: **Gate Admission:** Adults 18 & over: \$4.00, Children 6-17: \$2.00**, Children, ages 5 years and under: **FREE**, and Senior Citizens, ages 55 years and better: \$2.00
****Children under 12 will not be admitted without a parent. A school or other picture ID will be required for admission without a parent.**

LOCATION: Greensboro Coliseum Complex, back parking lot

ADDRESS: 1921 W. Lee St., Greensboro, NC

DESCRIPTION: It has been one full year and its back again! That's right, the 46th annual GYC Carnival! For the past 46 years, the Greensboro Youth Council has planned, organized and successfully brought the GYC Carnival to the citizens of Greensboro. Being the largest youth-run event in North Carolina, this is no small feat. The carnival will open to the public at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th at the Greensboro Coliseum for the traditional "Wendy's Sneak Preview Night." Gates will close at 8:00 pm on Sunday, May 11th. By the end of this event, over 200 Greensboro teens will have volunteered over 2,500 hours to make the carnival a success! The carnival is an event for the whole family with entertainment for all ages.

GYC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

This year, the GYC Carnival Chairperson is Angelica Mickel. "I enjoy seeing the community excited about being at the carnival and having a great time. It's a good feeling to know that this major event is planned entirely by Guilford County high school students," says Mickel.

This year, an inflatable pirate maze, designed for ages 12 years and under, includes dark twists and turns. Children will also enjoy *Kids Morning* on Saturday. There will be a Spongebob Squarepants Beach Theme Party on the GYC stage. Each child will receive free Hawaiian lei, participate in kid's karaoke, play games, and win prizes and much more! On Saturday, the amazing storyteller Joe Ferguson will read stories from 11:00 am – noon. Young budding artists of the triad present their artwork in a Coloring Contest on Saturday morning, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. The coloring form is available online at: www.greensboro-nc.gov/leisure/gyc. Children are invited to submit their work at the Carnival Stage for a chance to win great prizes! Shabaza Vaird, who is in charge of the stage, says, "I love to see all the smiling faces of the people when they enjoy the entertainment on the Carnival Stage." For the low price of \$.50 to \$2.00, families may participate in the Fun Center, which includes face painting, removable tattoos, wall murals as well as arts and crafts. "The crafts that we have prepared may be enjoyed by people of all ages," said Bethany Melton, Carnival Booths Chair.

Battle of the Bands is sure to keep the teens of the triad entertained. Local bands will "battle it out" to take 1st place and win \$500 in cash! Battle of the Bands will be held on Saturday afternoon from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. There will also be live karaoke on Friday night, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

The famous carnival rides are sure to keep everyone entertained. The Pirate Ship and the Spider have been crowd favorites for years. Kids will love Kiddie Land with lots of rides just for them!

GYC is a high school volunteer organization, open to all Guilford County high school students. This community service organization was founded in 1962 to develop leadership and volunteer opportunities for Guilford County high school students through the planning and implementation of unique youth-run programs that benefit and serve the community.

For more information about the GYC Carnival, or other projects, please call **(336) 373-2738**.