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It's Official... Kennywood Tops "Dark Ride Fans Favorites" for Seventh Year

VIENNA, OH- Kennywood Park, located just outside Pittsburgh, PA, may be known by many as one of the best traditional amusement parks in the world, but for members of the Darkride and Funhouse Enthusiasts (DAFE) Kennywood is known once again as their ***Favorite Dark Attraction Park!***

Just what is a *Dark Attraction Park*? Simply put, it is an amusement park that contains walk through or ride through attractions related to funhouses and haunted houses. Fortunately, for a club that loves dark attractions, there are many parks from which to choose. Now, for an amazing seventh year in a row, Kennywood takes the honor as DAFE members' favorite such park.

Additionally, Kennywood's *Noah's Ark* wins as DAFE's ***Favorite Walkthrough Attraction*** for the sixth time in seven years. (It was bumped from the number one spot once by one vote.) *Noah's Ark*, a large, rocking boat-shaped funhouse, is the last of its kind in the United States and one of only two left in the world. DAFE Director Rick Davis comments, "Kennywood should be commended for preserving this rare historic attraction for future generations to enjoy."

For the first time, DAFE members were asked to name their favorite amusement park Halloween event. Again, Kennywood topped the list with its *Phantom Fright Nights*.

Kennywood's sister park, Idlewild Park, was also named to the Top Ten Favorite Walkthrough Attractions list for its *Confusion Hill* attraction.

Other favorite attractions in Pennsylvania include the *Haunted Mansion* at Knoebel's Amusement Resort which was named as DAFE's Favorite Darkride for the seventh year in a row as well as Waldameer Park's *Whacky Shack* and *Pirates Cove* which were all Top Ten attractions.

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DAFE (pronounced “daffy”) annually polls its membership on various issues, the highlight of which is asking members to name their favorite dark attractions-walk through or ride through attractions related to funhouses and haunted houses-from around the world. This year approximately 90 full-time and summer seasonal attractions worldwide were nominated. (Halloween seasonal attractions are not included in this survey.)

The Top Ten Favorite Darkrides- 2008

- #10- *Haunted Mansion*- Disneyland®- Anaheim, CA
- #9- *Haunted House*- Trimper’s Rides and Amusements- Ocean City, MD
- #8- *Revenge of the Mummy- The Ride*-™ Universal Studios Florida™- Orlando, FL
- #7- *Amazing Adventures of Spiderman*- Universal’s Islands of Adventure®- Orlando, FL
- #6- *Haunted Mansion*- Funland- Rehoboth, DE
- #5- *Curse of Darkastle*- Busch Gardens Europe- Williamsburg, VA
- #4- *Twilight Zone Tower of Terror*™- Disney’s Hollywood Studios™- Orlando, FL
- #3- *Whacky Shack*- Waldameer Park- Erie, PA
- #2- *Haunted Mansion*- Disney’s Magic Kingdom®- Orlando, FL
- #1- *Haunted Mansion*- Knoebel’s Amusement Resort- Elysburg, PA

The Top Ten Favorite Walkthrough Attractions- 2008

- #10- *Confusion Hill*- Idlewild Park- Ligonier, PA
- #9- *Haunted Hospital*- Fujikyu Highland Park- Japan
- #8- *Ripley’s Haunted Adventure*- Gatlinburg, TN
- #7- *Pirate’s Cove*- Trimper’s Rides and Amusements- Ocean City, MD
- #6- *Funhouse*- Jenkinson’s Beach Boardwalk- Point Pleasant, NJ
- #5- *Mysterious Mansion*- Gatlinburg, TN
- #4- *Ghostly Manor*- Sandusky, OH
- #3- *Pirate’s Cove*- Waldameer Park- Erie, PA
- #2- *Frankenstein’s Castle*- Indiana Beach- Monticello, IN
- #1- *Noah’s Ark*- Kennywood Park- West Mifflin, PA

DAFE, which was founded October 31st, 2000, has over 300 members worldwide. DAFE’s Daffy Klub web site www.dafe.org contains articles about dark attractions, club events, and a downloadable membership application.

Photos available on request.

For more information about DAFE and an explanation of terminology, please visit DAFE’s web site at www.dafe.org or ask for a media kit.

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