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This and other ofrendas will be on display Saturday during the High Point Museum's annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. The ofrendas will remain on display through Nov. 7.

Dia de los Muertos celebration set for Saturday

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HIGH POINT — For the 10th year, the High Point Museum and the YWCA Latino Family Center have partnered to present a Dia de Los Muertos celebration this weekend.

The celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave., is a hands-on learning experience and celebration of the Day of the Dead with altars, kids' activities and an honoring of the loved ones that have passed away, a Latin American tradition brought to the High Point community by High Point families.

"Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of family," said Latino Family Center Director Laura Godínez Arce. "We are able to honor those who have passed before us and remember their legacy. I think all families should be able to experience that feeling, and by providing this opportunity to celebrate Dia de los Muertos, we allow those that are not familiar with it to learn experience it as well."

The public is invited to learn about and experience the Latinx culture and view the community's Dia de los Muertos altars. Throughout the day, there will be live dance and music performances. Visitors will get to make a Dia de los Muertos-themed craft in the Little Red Schoolhouse, get their faces painted and enjoy special Mexican treats.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Day of the Dead altars, or ofrendas, will remain on display in the museum through Nov. 7. These altars are the most prominent feature in the celebration, because they show the souls the way home. The altars make the souls, or "animas," feel welcome and show they have not been forgotten. Most altars feature photos, personal items, candles, food (including candy and fruit), flowers, salt and religious elements.