

HOW TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

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BDN file photo A variety of Halloween activities are planned in the Stateline Area this year.

Whether you prefer a good scare, or want to enjoy some costumed fun with the family this Halloween, there are tons of options in the Stateline Area:

. Beloit Area Community Health Center is hosting its annual Trunk-or-Treat event from 5-7 p.m. tonight. The event will allow children to trick or treat in a fun and safe environment. Beloit Area Community Health Center staff and volunteers will gather and park their decorated vehicles in the parking lot at 74 Eclipse Center. Admission is free. Vendors will be on site with snacks and the Beloit Public Library Blender Cafe also will be serving food.

- The Spotlight on Kids Halloween Walk is a fun family-friendly event taking place at the Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave., Janesville starting tonight and running daily through Oct. 28. During the event there will be a series of skits performed, stories read and songs shared. Children can enjoy Halloween-based activities. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Hours are 6-8:30 p.m. tonight and Friday; noon-1:30 p.m. on Saturday. A concession stand will be available for snacks.

- Trail of Screams, 4500 Rotary Road, Rockford, is open Oct. 26-31. Admission is \$20 per person or \$35 for a RIP Speed Pass. See www.trailofscreams.com to learn more.

- Storyteller Elizabeth Matson and musician Stuart Stotts will get spooky during an evening for families at the Hedberg Public Library, 316 S. Main St., Janesville. The event will start at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26. At "intermission" the content will get a little more scary for older kids. Admission is free.
- The Rock County Historical Society Lincoln Tallman House, 450 N. Jackson St., Janesville, has been taken over by ghouls. The haunted attraction is open from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 26-28. Admission is \$20. The tour is recommended for those age 13 and over. Visit www.rchs.us to learn more.
- The Discovery Center Museum, 711 N. Main St., is hosting its Spooky Science event from 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 27. Kids can wear their costumes and bring a treat bag. There will be all sorts of fun and educational activities taking place. Admission is \$9 per person.
- HealthNet is hosting a Halloween party for adults, "Costumes and Cocktails," from 7-11 p.m. on Oct. 27. The event is being held at The Armory, 10. S. High St., Janesville, and the evening will include appetizers, two drink tickets and dancing. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Tickets are \$30 if purchased in advance or \$40 at the door.
- Caps Garage, 7215 Clinton Road, Loves Park, will host its second annual Trunk or Treat from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 27. The event is free.
- Forest of Freaks, 5946 S. US HWY 51, Janesville, will be scaring visitors Oct. 27-29. Hours are 8-11:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 8-9:30 p.m. on Sunday. The attraction also is open on Halloween. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 for a speed pass.
- Fear Fest, 6512 Manchester Road, South Beloit, has three different options for residents looking for a good fright. The attraction is open Oct. 27-29. The attraction is open from 7-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. It is open from 7-10 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$12 for each of the attractions on site, or \$30 for a triple pass. See www.fearfest.info to learn more.
- Twisted Crypt, 5420 East State St., Rockford, offers 10,000 square feet featuring interactive show rooms and creatures lurking around every corner. The crypt is open from 7-11:30 p.m. Oct.27-28 and 7-10:30 p.m. on Oct. 29. On Halloween, from 7-10:30 p.m., the crypt will host a twisted darkness glow stick night. See www.twistedcrypt.com for more information.
- The 28th Annual Downtown Beloit Association Costume Parade will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Oct. 28. The costume parade will line up at Horace White Park at 9:45 a.m. and then travel to downtown Beloit. Free offerings include The Mr. Steve Show at 10:45 a.m., pumpkins from Brad and Cindi Paulson (while supplies last), and spooky stories at Turtle Creek Bookstore from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Other activities with a small cost include face painting with Bubbles Inc., pictures with Photography by April and a FUN ZONE with bounce house, obstacle course and more during the farmers market.
- Trick or Treat at the Market will take place during the Downtown Janesville Farmers Market from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 28.
- Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) will be the topic of conversation during a special event from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Hedberg Public Library, 316 S. Main St., Janesville.

- Spook-tacular Haunts, a family-friendly Trick-or-Treat day at Anderson Japanese Gardens, 318 Spring Creek Road, Rockford, from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 28. General admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$7.50 for kids and free for tots under 5.
- The Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra will perform the score for the original 1931 "Frankenstein" from 7:30-10 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main St., Janesville. There will be an audience costume contest. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. Children are free with adult admission.
- The Rock River Cannonball train will get a spooky makeover for Haunted Train Rides Oct. 28-29 at Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Road, Edgerton. The little ones will enjoy a special train ride happening from 3-6 p.m. The scary ride will run from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday and 6-9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for ages 8 and up, \$5 for ages 4-7 and free for kids under 3. The event is outdoors and the train burns coal, so dress appropriately. See www.threshere.com to learn more.
- Families can enjoy an evening of Trick or Treating and activities at the Rotary "Boo"tanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, from 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 31. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per child.

2017 Trick or Treating hours

Beloit: 5-7 p.m.

Town of Beloit: 5-7 p.m.

Janesville: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Clinton: 5-7 p.m.

South Beloit: 5-7 p.m.

Rockton: 5-8 p.m.

Roscoe: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Machesney Park: 5-7:30 p.m.

Loves Park: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Rockford: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Safety tips from the Beloit Police Department:

- Wearing light colored clothing and adding reflectors to costumes
- Make sure that children can see well through their masks or coverings

- Accompany children and only go to homes with their outdoor light on
- Carry a flashlight and stay in neighborhoods that are familiar
- Only give or accept packaged candy and examine before eating