

Get in the spirit: Halloween activities galore

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Trick or Treat Hours

Beloit: 5-7 p.m.

Town of Beloit: 5-7 p.m.

South Beloit: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Rockton: 5-8 p.m.

Clinton: 5-7 p.m.

Special Events

The Burpee Museum of Natural History, 737 N. Main St., Rockford, will come alive during Night Sounds: A 'Real' Night at the Museum, from 6-9 p.m. on Oct.

24. Different floors of the museum will have a variety of activities and hands-on stations to enjoy. Admission is \$4 for museum members and \$7 for nonmembers.

Children will have a blast during the Halloween Costume Parade through downtown Beloit on Oct. 25. The ghoulish group will depart Horace White Park at 10 a.m. Be sure to line up at 9:45 a.m. and be ready for some fun! Businesses will hand out treats and there will be an after party including live music, entertainment, activities and even bounce houses. Free pumpkins from Brad and Cindy Paulson will be handed out while supplies w. Activities will wrap up at 1 p.m.

Teens can bask in all things scary during a Monster Movie Marathon from 10:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., on Oct. 25. Films will be screened and treats will be served. Those in costume are eligible to compete in contests to win a prize. Another fun event, "Werewolves of Wisconsin, and other American Monsters" will take place with author Linda Godfrey at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Young children will enjoy a Halloween Story Time and costume parade at 10 a.m. on Oct. 29.

Discovery Center Museum, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, is to celebrate Spooky Science from 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 25. Visitors are welcome to come in costume and enjoy Trick-or-Treating. Kids can also make glow in the dark slime and other crafts. Admission is \$3 for museum members and \$9 for the



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Tons of activities are planned for the Stateline Area this Halloween, so grab your candy bag and put on a costume -- it's time to have some fun!

general public.

Midway Village Museum, 6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, will treat families to Trick-or-Treating, children's activities and crafts from 2-8 p.m. on Oct. 25. General admission is \$6, children under 3 are free.

The third annual Night of Fright Halloween Party is to be held from 7-11 p.m. Oct. 30 at La Casa Grande, 618 Fourth St., Beloit. The event benefits HealthNet of Rock County and features appetizers and live music. HealthNet Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 per pair if purchased in advance by calling HealthNet at 608-314-1923.

Is it possible that the Coronado Performing Arts Center, 314 N. Main St., Rockford, is a home for spirits? Land of Lincoln Theatre Organ Society (LOLTOS) members will let visitors decide during ghost tours from 7-9 p.m. on Oct.30-31. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 815-968-0595.

Scary movies, a costume contest and Monster Mash all await visitors during Fright Fest at the Castle, 501 Prospect St., from 7-11 p.m. on Oct. 31. Admission is a \$5 donation. Children are free.

Just because Oct. 31 passes, it doesn't mean you need to put the costumes away. On Nov. 1, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., is the second annual SoBo RoRo Halloween Costumed Bicycle Ride. The event will begin and end at Mustangs Bar and Grill in South Beloit, featuring nine different stops on the way to Rockton. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the ride will start at Noon. Tickets to the event cost \$10 and all funds will be donated to VetsRoll.

Weekend Activities

A community haunted house is open at 207 N. Academy St., Janesville, on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-11 p.m. and Sundays 7-10 p.m. through Halloween. Children's matinee haunted houses are on Saturdays and Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children during the matinee time. Proceeds go to the Fight for Katie Foundation, supporting scholarships and brain cancer

awareness.

The Rock River Cannonball train will take children adults on a spooky ride through Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Rd., Oct. 25-26 and Oct. 31. The Halloween Train for children will be from 3-6 p.m. each day, with the Haunted Train of Terror taking place from 6-10 p.m. Each ride lasts 15-20 minutes. Fall refreshments will be available for purchase at the train depot. Tickets are \$6 for ages 7 and up, \$4 ages 3-6 and free for kids under 2.

Fright Factory will claim its victims for around 30 minutes each from 7-10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 1. The haunted attraction, which is celebrating its 23rd season, is held at the Old Panoramic Building, 1405 Riverside St., Janesville. Tickets are \$13 for adults. Fast Fright Passes

are \$18.

Forest of Freaks takes place in an outdoor forest, featuring monsters, special effects and much more. The attraction, located at The Edge Paintball, 5946 US Highway 51 S., Janesville, is open from 8 p.m.-Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 8-10:30 p.m. on Sundays through Halloween. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults.

Skelly's Farm Market, 2713 S. Hayner Rd., Janesville, is home to two large corn mazes. The Adventure Corn Maze covers six acres and the larger Impossible Maze covers nine acres. Also available at the farm are wagon rides, a playground, scarecrow decorating on the weekends and a large pumpkin patch to explore. General admission is \$6 including both mazes during the daytime.

Terror Theatre, housed in the Bat Cave, 2960 Prairie Ave., is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 7-11 p.m. through Halloween. The haunt features 5,000 square feet of terror. General admission is \$12.

Fear Fest, 6512 Manchester Road, South Beloit, features a haunted barn and hayride in one location. The attractions are open on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 - 11 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m. on Sundays. All of this year's spooky fun will wrap up on Nov. 1. General admission tickets are \$12 for each attraction.

Screamatorium, 15630 Ill. Rt. 76, Poplar Grove, has been terrifying visitors of all ages since 2008. The event operates in coordination with Trail of Screams at YMCA Camp Winnebago, 5804 N. Main St., Rockford. Trail of Screams will feature monsters, ghosts and other ghouls brought to life Oct. 4. General admission to each site is \$10.

The Great Pumpkin Patch, 3178 Ill. Route 173, Caledonia, is open daily from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission is free Monday-Friday and \$3 on Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors to the pumpkin patch can not only pick out their favorite gourds, but also eat fall treats, see live animals and participate in activities like wagon rides and exploring a giant 7-acre corn maze.