

# Houses Put a Howl in Halloween



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Vince Michl of Council Bluffs ... and a couple of inmates of the Bluffs Historic Squirrel Cage Jail.

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Midlands ghostbusters can satisfy their ghoulish appetites this weekend and next week at a ghastly array of haunted houses, mysterious manors, horrifying hotels and spooky stairways.

Denizens of the eerie establishments still slither, growl, drool or go bump in the night, but some have taken on the look of current horror movies. A few of

the houses feature Freddie, the dreamy slasher from "Nightmare on Elm Street," or Jason, the murdering maniac of the "Friday the 13th" thrillers. Mazes and tilting floors will trick visitors, disorienting them for further shocks. Some "not-so-scary" parties for younger children also are planned.

Here is a sampling of the haunted attractions:

### Chadron, Neb.

**Business and Professional Women's Organization-Nebraska National Guard Haunted House, 212 Main St.:** Open 7-9 p.m. today, admission 50 cents. Features include treats for children and a Dracula room.

### Columbus, Neb.

**Jaycees Haunted House, West Pawnee Park, 764 33rd Ave.:** Open daily except Monday and Tuesday, admission \$1.50. Features maze, horror dell, tunnel and chainsaw killer.

### Denison, Iowa

**Jaycees Haunted House, South 16th Street and Highway 30:** Open daily, except Monday, 7 p.m.; Sunday children's matinee, 2:30-4 p.m.; admission \$1 children, \$1.50 adults. The house has a maze and revolving room.

### Council Bluffs

**Eagles Club Spooks' Nest, 16th Street and Avenue F:** Open daily through Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; admission \$1 for adults, 75 cents for children under 12. Witch's room and coffins among the features.

**Historical Society of Pottawattamie County-Council Bluffs Jaycees Haunted Jail, 226 Pearl St.:** Open daily, except Monday, 6-10 p.m.; admission \$1.50 for ages 14 and older, \$1 under 14. The historic "squirrel-cage" jail has a maze, laboratory and electric chair.

**The House of No Return, 1270 E. Pierce St.:** Open Saturday through Oct. 31, 7-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday and Sunday; admission, \$3 for adults, \$2 for 12 and under.

### Carter Lake, Iowa

**The Spook Station, fire station at Ninth and Locust Streets:** Today through Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m.; admission \$1.

### Kearney, Neb.

**KGFW-KQ 108 Radio-Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity Stairway to Terror, 23rd Street and Central Avenue:** Open Oct. 28-31, 7-11 p.m.; admission \$2. A maze and "Chainsaw Charlie" are among the offerings.

### Lincoln

**Jaycees Chamber of Terror, 1618 O St.:** Daily except Monday, 7:30-11 p.m., with midnight closings Friday and Saturday; admission \$3. Features include expanded maze and three new rooms based on horror movies.

**Sertoma Club Haunted Forest, 26th Street and Saitillo Road:** Daily from dusk to 10:15 p.m.; admission \$2.50. Small children must be accompanied by an adult. The forest offers 20- to 30-minute hayrack rides of horror as ghosts, goblins and other creatures roam the forest.

### Omaha

**Lite 96 Radio Scream in the Dark, 84th Street south of West Center Road in Mangelsen's parking lot:** 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; admission \$3. Features include a "Friday the 13th" room and guillotine room.

**Social Settlement Association Haunted House, 4860 Q St.:** Open today, 7-10 p.m.; donation, 50 cents for children, adults \$1. The frights include a chainsaw massacre, guillotine and a cemetery.

**WOW Radio Mystery Manor, 716 N. 18th St.:** Daily, 7-11 p.m.; admission \$3. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The manor has a 60-foot slide, monsters and illusions. The house's "pumpkin patch" will provide baby-sitting services.

**KOIL Radio Stone Castle of Terror Haunted House, Part 2, 38th Avenue and Leavenworth Street:** Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; admission \$2.50.

**KQKQ Radio Academy of Terror, 1010 S. 24th St.:** Open 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; admission, \$3. Thirty rooms feature horror movie characters, maze, tilt floors. Movies while patrons wait for tickets.

**KQKQ Radio Haunted Hotel California, 15th and California Streets:** Open 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Visitors will see a "blood" waterfall and characters from horror movies.

### For Youngsters

(Not So Scary)

**Oct. 26:** 7-8:30 p.m. at Montessori Education Center, 12504 Pacific St. Co-sponsor is the Omaha Children's Museum.

**Oct. 27, 28, 29:** Three parties at Children's Museum, 551 S. 18th St. 7-8:30 p.m.; \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members, parents free. The parties will accommodate about 100 children, preschool to early teens. Advance reservations should be made by phoning the museum at 342-8163. Features include stage shows, costume parade, games, edible Halloween art, a maze and monster walk.