

# Groups Open Haunted Houses Robots Join Monsters For Frightening Fun

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This year, space invaders and robots have joined the legion of witches, ghosts and monsters who want to scare the daylights out of you at an assortment of Omaha area haunted houses.

If you dare to visit one of these scary places, your shaking and quaking, thrills and chills will go toward a good cause. All of the houses are raising funds for charities or community projects.

Of course, each group thinks its haunted house is the best and the scariest, so the most adventurous among you might want to sample more than one of them.

**Haunted Squirrel Cage Jail** — The spooky jail is sponsored by the Pottawattamie County Historical Society and the Council Bluffs Jaycees, and will be open Friday through Oct. 31. Hours will be 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Admission is \$1. Proceeds will go toward continued restoration of the jail and to Jaycee community projects.

**LaVista Jaycees-KYNN Radio** — The Haunted Warehouse, 6111 S. 90th St., is open to all brave souls from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, through Oct. 31. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes and Jaycee projects.

**March of Dimes** — The Haunted Express, located in the Mangelsen's Store parking lot, 3457 S. 84th St., will be scaring people nightly until Oct. 31. Many of the illusions are courtesy of the Omaha Magicians Guild. Admission is \$2. Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes to help fight birth defects.

**Millard Jaycees** — The haunted house will be open Friday through Oct. 31 and is located at 72nd and F Streets, across from Anthony's Restaurant. Drama students from area high schools will participate. Hours will be 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. This house is designed to accommodate handicapped individuals. Proceeds will support youth athletics, hunter's safety and CPR courses and 22 community improvement programs.

**Papillion Police Department-KOIL Radio** — The address of this haunted house is 202 W. Lincoln St., in the Papillion City Park. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The doors will open at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 31 and stay open until no one else wants to be scared out of their wits. Proceeds will go to Easter Seals.

**Variety Club-WOW Radio** — This year's haunted house at 1216 Howard St. opens tonight and offers some frightening new features like a psychedelic room, a spider room and a "special" bathtub. Hours through Oct. 31 are 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50. Proceeds will go to the Heart of Variety Fund and its principal charity, the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute.

**Youth for Christ/Campus Life-Sweet 98 and the Wizard Radio** — Enter the house at 84th Street and Brentwood Road (across from the Richman-Gordman Store) at your own risk through Oct. 31. It's only \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Proceeds will go toward the work of Youth for Christ and CampusLife.

**Fontenelle Forest Spook Hikes** — Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. N., Bellevue, will offer two nights of scary treks through the woods: one for members and their guests from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, and one for groups by reservation, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Since the hikes cover rugged terrain, they are not recommended for children under 6. Admission is \$1.50 a person; there are no member discounts. Proceeds will be used for Fontenelle Forest projects.



## Tonight

**Fall concert** — Varsity chorus, Gothenburg, Neb., High School, 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday

**Fall play** — "The Diary of Anne Frank," Westside High School Auditorium, 87th and Pacific Streets, 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students.

## Saturday

**Band festival** — Nebraska High School Marching Band Festival, Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## Monday

**Fall play** — "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Benson High School Auditorium, 5148 Maple St., 7:30 p.m. Monday through Oct. 28. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students.