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Get the "BOO" Scared Out of You!

Halloween is a great time for people to explore haunted venues. Here are a couple of famous places where spirits like to make an appearance!

The Winchester Mystery House

Sarah Winchester was the wealthy widow of William Winchester whose family produced rifles of the same name. Following the deaths of her daughter and husband, Sara believed she was haunted by individuals killed by Winchester rifles who were seeking vengeance. Popular belief says Sara visited a medium who told her to move West and "build a home for yourself and for the spirits who have fallen from this terrible weapon, too." Sara believed only continuous construction of her house in California would appease spirits killed by her family's rifles. Therefore, Sara oversaw daily construction of the house from 1884 until her death in 1922. The home has 160 rooms, 40 bedrooms, two ballrooms (one completed and another that was under construction), 47 fireplaces, 17 chimneys, two basements and 10,000 window panes. The house lacked a master building plan resulting in doorways that lead nowhere, windows on floors and a maze of hallways. To this day, visitors report seeing Sara Winchester and other spirits roaming the grounds.

The St. James Hotel

The St. James Hotel in Selma, Alabama, built in 1837, is the only remaining antebellum riverfront hotel in the city and remains to this day a destination for travelers to the area. Two of the hotel's most famous guests were outlaw brothers Frank and Jesse James. Over the years, the ghost of Jesse James has been seen complete in his cowboy attire and tends to visit specific rooms in the hotel. Also seen in the establishment are James' sweetheart, Lucinda, whose portrait hangs in the hotel and his dog who is heard running and barking in the halls.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Welcome to fall! Can you believe the holidays are just around the corner? If you are in need of some extra holiday cash (aren't we all?), this would be a great time to take advantage of our resident referral program! You could earn some big \$\$! Please check out our calendar with all of our different events happening within our community and surrounding areas. Thank you again for choosing Willow Bend as your home! Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.

~Janet Siford & the Willow Bend Team



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Rent Reminder Preschool Storytime at the Library	2 The Wizard of Oz at the Lincoln Theatre	3 Blue Jackets vs. Minnesota at Nationwide Arena
4 Antique exhibit at the Ohio Historical Center	5 Rent Reminder	6 "Kids Goal Setting" week	7 Miley Cyrus at Nationwide Arena	8 B.B. King at Palace Theatre	9 Comedian, Kathleen Madigan at Capitol Theatre	10 Fall Festival in "Old Historic Worthington" Buckeyes vs. Wisconsin
11 Columbus Symphony Series: Beethoven at the Ohio Theatre	12 Haunted Statehouse Tours	13 Colbie Callat at Newport Music Hall	14 Creepsie Festival at Creekside Park and Plaza	15 Animal Planets' Jeff Corwin at the Aladdin Shrine Center Water Bill Reminder	16 Inservice Day, NO SCHOOL Boss's Day	17 Boo at the Zoo 9AM-9PM
18 Get together with an old friend today!	19 Start of "Character Counts" week	20 Have a family game night! First 5 people to come to Office will receive a pack of cards!	21 Circleville Pumpkin Show - FREE!	22 Cocktails at the Conservatory at the Franklin Park Conservatory	23 All Hallows Eve at the Ohio Historical Center	24 Buckeyes vs. Minnesota
25 Halloween Pet Parade at Easton Town Center	26 Start getting ready for "candy" and "costumes"	27 Day of concern for Young People and Violence	28 National Chocolates Day! Come in to the office for some chocolate! (limited quantities)	29 The Haunted Ship at Santa Mari	30 Family Friday night at COSI; Disney Live! at Value City Arena	31 Halloween! Be Safe! Buckeyes vs. New Mexico State

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The Pirates' House

Located in Savannah, Georgia the Pirates' House is haunted by pirates, sailors, seadogs and privateers. Built in 1753, the original house became a tavern with additional buildings added throughout the years. Over time, the house had several dining areas on the first floor with lodging on the second floor. The basement also holds a tunnel leading to the water. Since sailing was a hazardous job, captains and crewmembers would sometimes "kidnap" unsuspecting (and slightly intoxicated!) patrons and take them through the tunnel to waiting ships to fill the many job openings aboard the ships! Over the years, laughter is heard from the upstairs (now used as storage) and tunnel. This is attributed to a privateer named Captain Flint. A sailor is often seen on the first floor and chairs are mysteriously rearranged in one of the many dining areas.

For More Information

There are several web sites where you can locate haunted sites in your area. If you want to go "haunting" check out a few of these sites!

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