

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED TRAIL 2017

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEET



*THURSDAY, OCT 19	5:00-8:30 PM
*FRIDAY, OCT 20	5:00-8:30 PM
*SATURDAY, OCT 21	5:00-8:30PM
FRIDAY, OCT 27	5:30-9:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCT 28	5:30-9:30 PM
*NON-SCARY TRAIL TARGETED TOWARD YOUNGER CHILDREN	



WHAT IS THE HAUNTED TRAIL?

The Haunted Trail is a community event offered by the Normal Parks and Recreation Department. The 2017 Haunted Trail will be the 22th Annual Haunted Trail! It is held along the Constitution Trail between Vernon Avenue and the Connie Link Amphitheatre. Participants line up on the trail behind City hall and are sent in small groups across Vernon Ave. for a self guided tour down the “scary” part of the trail. Speakers emit spooky sounds, while strobe lights, black lights, and fog machines complete the effects. Props are hung from trees along the trail while costumed characters jump out to surprise people as they walk along the trail. The cost of admission is \$1.00 and includes a shuttle ride back to the parking areas at City Hall & Chiddix Jr. High. Typically 1600 people visit the trail each night.

WHAT WILL THE VOLUNTEERS BE DOING?

Volunteers are needed to dress up in costumes and spook people along the trail. Costumes, masks and face paint will be provided. Costumed characters should be people who enjoy Halloween and will really “get into” their role and have fun with it. Non-costumed volunteers are also needed. They will be assisting guests on and off the shuttles, collecting money, collecting can food donations, handing out candy, helping with face painting, and handing out hot chocolate. Spaces for non-costumed volunteers are limited.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & COSTUME ASSIGNMENT = MONDAY, OCT. 16 5:30 PM

Anyone that has NOT participated on the Haunted Trail must attend the volunteer meeting at 5:30 pm. The meeting will prepare volunteers for their duties on the Haunted Trail as well as give specific information on how the event will run and what will be expected of volunteers.

Individuals who have volunteered in previous years that just need to sign up for a volunteer position should plan on coming to the volunteer meeting around 6:00 to sign up for their spot. Persons in attendance will get first choice of volunteer assignments and costumes. Please note that costume sizes vary so to ensure proper fitting, attendance at the volunteer meeting is necessary.

The meeting will take place at the Connie Link Amphitheater adjacent to the Normal Parks and Recreation Maintenance parking lot, 611 S. Linden St. The amphitheater may also be accessed from the Constitution Trail. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email Angela at amalone@normal.org

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE COSTUMES AVAILABLE?

Freddy Krueger • Gorilla • Corpse • Ghost • Witch • Mummy • Prisoner • Mad Scientist • Phantom • Jedi Warlock • Headhunter • Devil • Executioner • Vampire • Spiderman • Skeleton • Alien • Zombie • Superman Pirate • Hulk • Grim Reaper • Jason • Convict • Scream • Dracula • Gargoyle • Storm Trooper • Scooby Doo

A variety of masks and face paint are also available. Descriptions of the costumes and character areas will be available at the volunteer meeting. ***The costumes will be available for viewing at the volunteer meeting so volunteers can select costumes that most closely match their body.***

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Please wear dark clothing to aid in blending into the darkness of the night. BE AWARE that most of the costumes are not designed for a lot of bulky clothing to fit underneath, so fitting into a costume with heavy weight clothing could be a challenge. Be prepared for possible chilly weather with layered clothing. Some characters move around a lot and the costumes can get quite warm. Volunteers that attend the volunteer meeting will be able to see their costume and dress accordingly. Volunteers working on the “non-scary” part of the trail are encouraged to dress up in costumes if they would like to do so. These costumes should not be scary and will not be provided. Most non-scary costumed characters will be assisting with loading shuttles, handing out candy, assisting with face painting, handing out hot chocolate, doing temporary tattoos and taking canned food donations.

WHERE DO I GO ON THE NIGHT I VOLUNTEER?

The meeting place will be at the Connie Link Amphitheatre off the Normal Parks and Recreation Department’s maintenance parking lot. Normal Parks and Recreation Maintenance is located at 611 S. Linden Street, just south of the Linden/Vernon intersection. The entrance to the parking lot is next to where the Constitution Trail Bridge crosses over Linden St. There are only 50 parking spaces available in the Parks and Recreation parking lot and we have approx. 100 volunteers and several staff members each night. Please walk (if you can) or car pool to City Hall and walk down Linden St. to the Connie Link Amphitheatre (just past the Linden & Vernon intersection) The parking lot is mostly reserved for the shuttles that take participants back to City Hall & Chiddix Jr. High.

HOW LONG IS THE VOLUNTEER SHIFT?

Usually volunteers can count on a 3.5+ hour commitment, on the non-scary weekend from 5:00-8:30 pm, and a 4+ hour commitment on the scary weekend from 5:30pm-9:30pm. All volunteers must be able to stay the whole time. Volunteers dressing in costumes are asked to arrive an hour before the trail opens (unless otherwise notified) so the trail can open on time. We usually try to have everyone at his or her assigned location 15 minutes prior to trail opening.

Non-costumed volunteers can arrive at 5:15 pm on the non-scary weekend, and 5:45 on the scary weekend if they have already been assigned a position. Non-Costumed volunteers that did not attend the volunteer meeting to receive an assignment will need to check in at 5:00 and 5:30 respectively with the rest of the volunteers. Volunteers arriving late may be turned away.

Costumes will be distributed, spook locations will be explained and a general overview of the evening will take place 30 minutes prior to the trail opening. Costumes will be given out on a first come, first served basis. **Costumed characters more than 15 minutes late will have to take whatever costume is left over.** Volunteers can expect to be done approximately 15-30 minutes after the last group goes down the trail (8pm (non-scary) and 9pm (scary)). A maximum of 1600 people will be allowed down the trail. All volunteers are asked to stay “in character” at their assigned area until dismissed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRAIL, PLEASE CALL ANGELA AT 454-9558 OR E-MAIL AT AMALONE@NORMAL.ORG

Sign up to volunteer visit:
WWW.NormalParks.org/HauntedTrail

