

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE INSTANT MEETING AGES: 5-6

Goal: A fun and festive way for your group to celebrate the spooky season. If you would like to make it a bridging activity, refer to the Guide or Pathfinder Halloween Haunted House Instant Meetings.

Program Areas Covered:
Let's Make Arts and Crafts

Preparation Time:
One meeting.

OPENING

- Lead the Opening at your usual meeting place.
- Ask your kids to name some of their favourite things to see and do on Halloween. After they have listed a bunch of their favourite spooky features, tell the excited kids that they will get to have a Halloween Party to celebrate the spooky season! The group will get to dress up in fun and scary costumes, do some fun crafts, and make some terrifying yet tasty treats.
- If you want to make this a bridging activity, tell the kids that their decorations and snacks will be part of a Halloween Haunted House that they will help decorate with other Guide groups.

DIABOLICAL DECORATIONS

Here are some ideas for some fun and easy decorations that will turn your space into a funky house of horrors. Covering the windows with black plastic garbage bags will effectively block out any sunlight. You can also play some creepy music or Halloween tracks in the background to create atmosphere.

CHAIN OF BATS

Materials

- 12" x 18" black piece of paper
- Scissors

1 Cut a 12 inch wide by 18 inch long black piece of construction paper into three 4 inch by 18 inch pieces. Then, measure and mark 4 inches from one of the sides. Measure it two more times and fold the paper on the marks like an accordion.

2 A printable bat template can be found on page 4. Draw the shape of a bat onto the folded paper, making sure that the tips of its wings touch the sides of the paper. Cut out the shape of the bat.

3 When you unfold the paper, there should be three bats flying wing to wing! To make longer chains, simply make more sets of three bats and tape their wings together!

SPOOKY SHEETS

Materials:

- Old white sheets
- Chairs and tables

1 Have the kids bring old white sheets from home.

2 Drape them over the chairs and tables. Your space will immediately look creepier as you create the look of an abandoned room.

GHOSTLY GAMES

PIN THE SPIDER ON THE WEB

Materials:

- A big sheet of paper
- Markers
- Scotch tape or double-sided tape
- Scissors

1 Draw a big spider web on a big sheet of paper. A printable spider template can be found on page 4.

2 Then, on another sheet of paper, draw and decorate as many scary and silly spiders as you want to. Stick double-sided tape or simple tape loops to the backs of the spiders. Now the spiders are ready to stick!

3 The person whose turn it is will be blindfolded and spun around five times. Their goal is to try and pin the spider, blindfolded, to the centre of the web.

The kids will kill themselves laughing as people stumble around trying to pin the spiders to the web!

SPOOKY SNACKS

Here are some snacks that are as tasty as they are spooky!

GRAVESTONE LOLLIPOPS

Materials:

- White or grey paper
- Pencil crayons/markers
- Black construction paper
- Glue
- Assorted lollipops

1 Print out or draw gravestone designs. You will need two for each lollipop. Glue the gravestone designs to pieces of black construction paper and cut the construction paper around the gravestone designs, leaving a little black border.

2 Glue the backs of two of the gravestones to one another, making sure to only glue along the borders so that the gravestones become pockets.

3 Slide the lollipops into the gravestone pockets and stand them up in some Styrofoam or floral foam to create a graveyard full of sweet surprises!

BLOODY BREW

Materials:

- Maraschino cherries
- Cranberry raspberry juice
- Ice cube tray
- Orange juice
- Ginger ale
- Corn syrup
- Red food colouring
- Plastic cups

1 Take an ice cube tray and put a maraschino cherry in each section. Then, fill the sections up with cranberry raspberry juice, and put the ice cube tray into the freezer to become bloody red ice cubes.

2 Take a pitcher and fill two thirds of it with orange juice and one third with ginger ale to create a nice fizzy punch.

3 Now it's time to make the bloody garnish. Mix red food colouring with corn syrup.

4 To serve your Bloody Brew, dip the rims of your cups in the red corn syrup, letting it drip down the sides to make it look like the blood is running.

5 Fill the cups with the punch and drop two bloody red ice cubes into each cup. The kids will love this terrifyingly refreshing party drink!

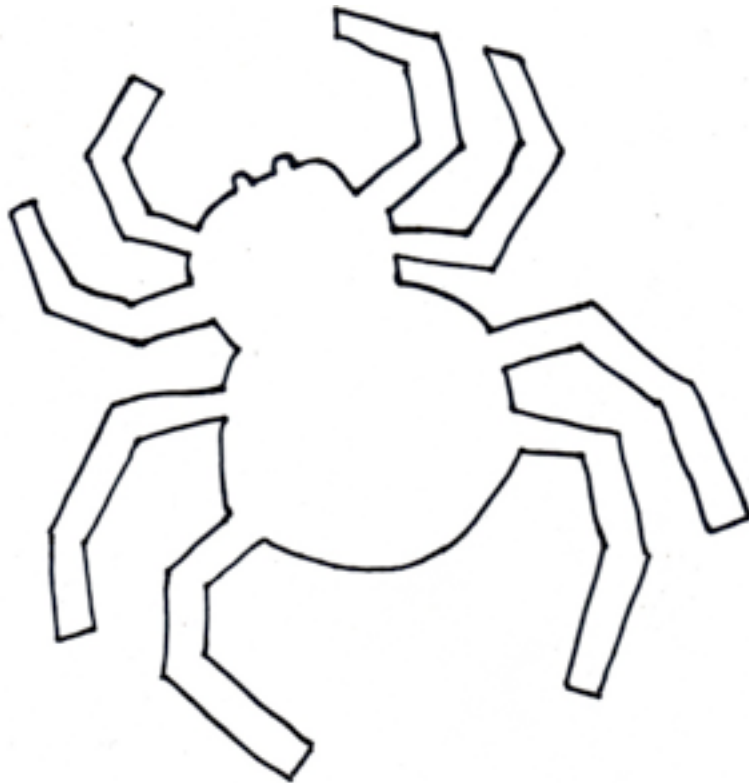
CLOSING

- Enjoy your normal Closing. Sing a Halloween song. Give the kids a little bag of candy as a party favour.
- If you decide to make this a bridging activity, store the decorations somewhere safe and put the snacks in a fridge so they will be ready for the Halloween Haunted House.

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