

# HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

INSTANT MEETING  
AGES: 9-11

**Goal:** A fun and festive way for your group to celebrate the spooky season. If you would like to make it a bridging activity, use the craft and snack ideas to create a Halloween Haunted House with other Guide groups.

**Program Areas Covered:**  
Discovering You, Girls Creating

**Preparation Time:**  
Halloween Party: 1 meeting.  
Halloween Haunted House  
bridging event: 1-2 meetings.

## OPENING

- Lead the Opening at your usual meeting place.
- Remind your group that Halloween is coming up. Ask them what some of their favourite parts of Halloween are. After the group has named some of their favourite Halloween features, tell them that they will get to incorporate some of these features into a fun and freaky Halloween Party! The kids will get to make creepy crafts, create and share spooky snacks, and participate in some festive activities. Creating their Halloween Party will involve teamwork, creativity, and a lot of fun!
- If the kids want, they have the option of making this a bridging activity with other Guide groups (older or younger). They can pick and choose crafts and recipes from this Instant Meeting and use them to turn the Halloween Party into a Halloween Haunted House. Your kids can work with other groups to create and decorate a shared space. If they work with a younger group, they can take on a leadership role by helping and answering any questions the younger kids may have. The kids can invite their friends and family to the Haunted House in the spirit of the scary season.

## DIABOLICAL DECORATIONS

Here are some ideas for some fun and easy decorations that will turn your space into a funky house of horrors. These decorations will look their spookiest if the lights in the room are dimmed. 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 7. 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!

## GLOWING GHOSTS

### Materials:

- Green 8 hour glow sticks
- White balloons
- Black markers

**1** Snap a green eight hour glow stick so that it glows. Insert the glow stick into a white balloon.

**2** Inflate the balloon and use a black marker to draw on a scary (or funny!) ghost face. These glowing ghouls will add an eerie glow to your haunted house.

### Tip!

Two ghost face templates can be found on page 8, or create your own ghostly face!

## 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.

### Helping Hands!

If your group is doing the Halloween Haunted House bridging activity with a younger group, they will be responsible for helping the younger kids assemble and put up the decorations.

## SCARY SPIDER WEBS

### Materials:

- Cheesecloth
- Scissors
- Pushpins or tape

**1** Take a roll of cheesecloth and measure it the length of where you want it to hang. Cut the cheesecloth the width of the space. Then, cut vertical lines of varying lengths in the cheesecloth.

**2** Have the kids cut and tear holes in each strip to make them look tattered.

**3** Pin the scary spider webs from the ceiling and across doorways using pushpins or tape. Your space will look all the more cryptic with scary webs hanging from the ceiling.

### Tip!

If you rub the cheesecloth between your hands, it will make it look frayed and even spookier.

## SHIFTY SHADOW

### Materials:

- A lamp
- A big sheet of white paper
- A big sheet of black construction paper
- Scissors
- A pencil
- Tape

**1** Have the kids pair up. Tape a large sheet of paper to a wall. Then, shine a light at the paper wall.

**2** Have someone stand in front of the light and hold a spooky pose so that their shadow is projected onto the sheet of paper. Their partner will then trace the silhouette. The kids then cut out the shape of the silhouette so that they have a spooky template.

**3** Then, the kids will trace the silhouette onto a big sheet of black construction paper and cut that out to create a shifty shadow. Tape the shadows to the walls and doors and there you have it: a decoration that will creep up on guests!

## STICKY SPIDERS

### Materials:

- Small suction cup
- 4 chenille bump pipe cleaners
- Pom-pom
- Googly eyes
- Glue

**1** Wrap four chenille bump pipe cleaners around a small suction cup to create the legs.

**2** Then, glue a pom-pom of the same colour as the legs to the top of the suction cup to create the body.

**3** Glue some googly eyes to the pom-pom to create some wacky eyes for the spiders. These creepy crawlers will be able to stick to windows and other surfaces to startle visitors!

## DISSECTION STATION

Gross out party guests with these gruesome illusions.

### Tip!

You can decorate the cardboard boxes with markers, paint, or construction paper to make it look spooky and enticing.

### BOWL OF EYEBALLS

#### Materials:

- A bag of big grapes
- A fruit peeler
- A bowl
- Paint or construction paper
- A cardboard box
- Markers
- Glue

**1** Take a bag of big grapes and peel them. Place them into a bowl.

**2** To create an air of mystery, take a cardboard box and cut a hole in one of the sides big enough for people to fit a hand through. Place the bowl of grapes inside the box.

**3** Invite your guests to stick their hands through the hole in the box and feel the squishy insides. Tell them that they're the eyeballs of past guests.

### BRAINS IN A BOWL

#### Materials:

- Cooked spaghetti
- A bowl
- Paint or construction paper
- A cardboard box
- Markers
- Glue

**1** Put cooked spaghetti into a bowl and put it in a fridge to cool.

**2** To create an air of mystery, take a cardboard box and cut a hole in one of the sides big enough for people to fit a hand through. Put the cold spaghetti in the cardboard box.

**3** Invite your guests to stick their hands through the hole in the box and feel the cold, slimy contents. Tell them that they're the brains of past guests.

### Helping Hands!

If your group is doing the Halloween Haunted House activity with a younger group, they will be responsible for handling the knives.

## SPOOKY SNACKS

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

### APPLE BITES

#### Materials:

- Apples
- Almond slivers
- A knife

**1** Cut apples into quarters and core them.

**2** Flip the slices over and cut a wedge from the skin side of each slice so that it looks like an open mouth.

**3** Then, take some almond slivers and stick them into the open mouth so that they look like teeth. Repeat until you have a tray of healthy little monster mouths smiling up at you.

### 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!

## **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!

## **SNACK-O'- LANTERN**

### **Materials:**

- Navel oranges
- Fruit salad (fresh or canned)
- Plastic spoons
- A knife

**1** Slice off the top of a navel orange and hollow it out. Put the orange segments aside. Take a knife and carve a jack-o'-lantern face into the orange peel so that the peels look like mini pumpkins. Cut a slit into the lid of the peel in order to fit the handle of a plastic spoon through it.

**2** Then, take the orange segments and mix them in with a fruit salad mixture of your choice. Fill the jack-o'-lantern peels with your fruit salad concoction and place the lid and spoon on top. These sweet little snack-o'-lanterns will smile invitingly at guests.

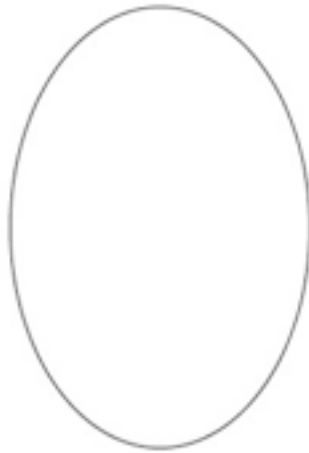
## **CLOSING**

- Enjoy your regular closing.
- Give the kids little bags of candy as party favours.
- If your group is preparing for the Halloween Haunted House, store your decorations in a safe place and your snacks in a fridge (if your prep time and bridging event are really close together).

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TEMPLATE**



**GLOWING  
GHOSTS  
TEMPLATE**





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