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## **Top Spots for Scares: Haunted Attractions Across the County Ready For Season** ***~Haunt Season Under Way in Major Markets Across the U.S. ~***

WINNETKA, Ill., September 26, 2016 – The temperatures are dropping, the leaves are changing and the screams are starting – all signs that “Haunt Season” is happening once again. The [Haunted Attraction Association](#) (HAA) has announced that hundreds of fright specialists from coast to coast have opened their doors of doom to offer thrills and chills to visitors now through the end of October.

“This is the best time of year in my opinion,” said HAA President John Eslich. “Our members have worked hard to elevate the guest experience and with the introduction of new elements like virtual reality and blackout experiences at a number of attractions, I think people will feel emotions they’ve never felt before.”

In advance of National Haunted House Day on October 14, below is a sampling of haunted attractions in major markets around the United States. *Images for attractions are available by request.*

### **NORTHEAST**

#### ***Philadelphia, Pennsylvania***

Brand new for 2016, guests to [Terror Behind the Walls at Eastern State Penitentiary](#) in Philadelphia will have the chance to experience the next level of interactivity by taking The Hex Challenge. Six new secret rooms are being opened and will be scattered throughout the penitentiary complex where visitors will be dared to step further into the story, to become part of the action, to take on challenges and ultimately, to escape the massive haunted prison. A secret room will be included in each of the facility’s six haunted attractions.

#### ***Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania***

[Shocktoberfest](#) celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016 and has transformed into Zombie World Theme Park where, for the first time anywhere in the world, guests can view an array of natural and genetically engineered Zombies in a safe and controlled habitat. The attraction offers eight killer experiences including the brand new Ground Assault: Zombie Laser Tag. Guests will be given a state-of-the-art laser gun to shoot escaping Zombies and the perpetrators trying to release them.

#### ***Newport, Rhode Island***

Visitors to [Fortress of Nightmares](#) can choose their fear – deciding between the “Tunnels of Terror” interactive maze, battling zombies in the new “Turned! A Zombie Experience” laser tag, or learning about real ghosts at the paranormal exhibit.

#### ***Baltimore, Maryland***

Located just 40 minutes from Baltimore, [Laurel’s House of Horror](#) is built inside an abandoned movie theater and returns for its third season in 2016. This year’s haunt will offer more sensory overload with

several new exhibits. This season, Laurel's House of Horror introduces Georgetown Alley, a dark maze filled with over 28,000 square feet of movie icons, clowns, zombies, snakes, spiders and real ghosts.

#### **More Haunts in the Northeast:**

- [Scarehouse](#), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- [Haunted Expedition](#), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- [Field of Screams](#), Mountville, Pennsylvania
- [Frightland Haunted Attractions](#), Middletown, Delaware

### **TRI- STATE AREA**

#### ***East Windsor, New Jersey***

During the day, [Field of Terror](#) offers pumpkin picking, hayrides and a corn maze but once the sun goes down, the zombies come out. Night activities include a Zombie Paintball Wagon Hunt, Zombie Attack Haunted Hayride, tours of the Killer Kornfield and Dementia 3D Haunted House, as well as a winding maze inside "The Unknown Barn."

#### ***Rochester, New York***

[Dark Matter Scream Works](#) has added multiple attractions this year to continue its goal to have every guest leave extremely frightened. The Keep is a brand new castle manor-themed haunt with various rooms and dungeons inhabited by trapped souls and mangled corpses. Dark Matter 3D returns with amped-up, mind-bending 3D Chroma-depth murals, lasers and interactions. The entire scream park is set indoors and open during all types of weather.

#### ***Albany, New York***

Located in Schoharie, New York, [Night Terrors Haunted Farm](#) is comprised of a signature Haunted Hayride, an immersive airsoft Zombie Hunt, Bezerkus Circus and, new for 2016, the Krouse House, an indoor attraction that will mess with the mind and scramble the senses. In the dark world of Dr. Krouse, visitors are left to decipher sounds and smells to lead them out of the experiment chambers.

#### **More Haunts in the Tri-State Area:**

- [Haunted Halls of Horror](#), Johnson City, New York
- [Scare Farm](#), Hillsborough, New Jersey
- [Legends of Fear](#), Shelton, Connecticut
- [The Haunted Graveyard](#), Bristol, Connecticut
- [Evidence of Evil](#), New Haven, Connecticut

### **MIDWEST**

#### ***Canton, Ohio***

Located inside an abandoned 150,000 sq. ft. aluminum foundry, [The Factory of Terror](#) features five full attractions, totaling over a mile in length including: The Asylum, Industrial Nightmare, the Labyrinth of Darkness, Massacre on Mahoning, and the House of Nightmares. Also available on the premises are 6 escape rooms The Factory of Terror has won the Guinness World Record 3 times as the Longest Indoor Haunted Attraction in the world.

#### ***Island, Illinois***

[Shock House](#) is a top-rated attraction designed to "assault your senses." Guests are stalked, startled and will leave disoriented after navigating through the passageways of the attraction. The attraction has expanded for 2016 and now includes more rooms, more characters and an expanded version of the Psycho Circus 3D. Also new this year is ZTAG, a combination of schoolyard tag, scavenger hunt, and role playing with LED technology.

### ***Milwaukee, Wisconsin***

New for 2016, [Wisconsin Fear Grounds](#) is extending the haunting overnight on October 8<sup>th</sup> with “Night Terrors: 13 Hours of FEAR!” The Fear Grounds will provide tents for fear-seekers to sleep in and the nights’ activities will include a fright trail through the woods, a scavenger hunt, bonfire ghost stories and scary movies played on a large inflatable screen. Tickets cost \$85 per person based on double occupancy.

### ***Columbia Station, Ohio***

Celebrating over 25 years of screams, [Spooky Ranch at Rockin'-R Ranch](#) offers multiple attractions that cater to all fear levels – from the calm Old West Pumpkin Fest to the Extreme Nightmares Haunted House, which is known for its extreme gore, blood, guts and actors getting up close and personal. The Famous Haunted Hayride is a 25-minute experience that combines scary with humor and surprises supplemented with pyrotechnics and larger than life 30 foot tall animated creatures.

### ***Flint, Michigan***

[Saint Lucifer’s Screampark](#) is located at Playland Park and offers three haunted attractions and an escape room.

### **More Haunts in the Midwest:**

- [Clinton's Terror on Washington Street Haunted House](#), Clinton, Illinois
- [Statesville Haunted Prison](#), Crest Hill, Illinois
- [Shock House Haunted House](#), Rock Island, Illinois
- [Oasis/Grayslake Haunted Walk](#), Grayslake, Illinois
- [Salt Lake Fear Factory](#), Salt Lake City, Utah
- [Great Room Escape](#), Layton, Utah
- [Niles Scream Park](#), Niles, Michigan
- [Night Terrors](#), Ypsilanti Township, Michigan
- [Hysterium Haunted Asylum](#), Fort Wayne, Indiana
- [Walk of Nightmares](#), Walkerton, Indiana
- [The exFEARience](#), Niles, Ohio
- [Lake EERIE Fearfest](#), Sandusky, Ohio
- [Factory of Horror](#), Berger, Missouri
- [Requiem](#), Caldwell, Idaho
- [The Haunting of Keystone](#), Keystone, South Dakota
- [Colony Pumpkin Patch](#), North Liberty, Iowa

## **SOUTH**

### ***Plano, Texas***

[Dark Hour Haunted House](#) provides over 30,000 feet of terror to be explored by willing guests. The attraction includes three themed areas: Dominion of the Dead, Coven Manor, and Voodoo Vengeance, all of which have sets worthy of a Broadway production. Professional actors and strategic use of technology all combine to create a genuine theatrical experience in terror.

### ***Nashville, Tennessee***

Entering its sixth year of fear, [Nashville Nightmare](#) has brought together the top talent in the area to enter a new level of terror. New for 2016, the attraction is introducing Night Terrors Haunted House, an industrial horror complex, where Necro-Toxins are pumped into visitors’ systems as they travel through dark tunnels and sewers while encountering nightmarish creates.

### ***Baton Rouge, Louisiana***

The [13th Gate](#) offers 13 distinct nightmarish realms where a visitor's worst fears will come true. The attraction features a real snake-infested Louisiana Swamp, nightly voodoo shows, claustrophobic cellars, hidden subterranean passages and a prehistoric ice cave and much more, all seamlessly woven together to create one haunting experience. From crawling through a crematory oven and an old hearse to being lost in dark underground tunnels, this 40,000 square foot haunted house is not recommended for the faint of heart.

#### **More Haunts in the South:**

- [Creepy Hollow Haunted House](#), Rosharon, Texas
- [Derailed Haunted House](#), Ramer, Tennessee
- [Mountain Mayhem](#), Whitesburg, Kentucky
- [Sinister Tombs Haunted House](#), Eastview, Kentucky
- [Tormented Nightmares](#), Black Mountain, North Carolina
- [Granville Haunt Farm](#), Oxford, North Carolina
- [Dark Woods Haunted House](#), Natchitoches, Louisiana
- [Lake Hickory Haunts](#), Hickory, North Carolina

#### **WEST**

##### ***Anaheim, California***

The interior of Anaheim's Business Expo Center is transformed into a retro maze during the [Motel 6 Feet Under Haunted House](#). The maze has countless illusions and misdirections intended to keep people lost and guessing. New for 2016 are more illusions, heightened confusion as well as a new very scary little girl, Mable, and her friends – on a quest to send visitors in the wrong direction.

##### ***Fresno, California***

Thrill seekers at [Hobb's Grove](#) have their choice of three scare zones: The Forest, a winding trail through the darkness; The House, filled with sinister specters and other unruly occupants; and The Hayride, a scary and fun ride through the night. An old-time midway offers a safe zone of sorts, equipped with fire pits, entertainment and concessions.

##### ***Bakersfield, California***

[Talladega Ranch](#), returns this season with new scenes and scares and options for the whole family. For the kids, Halloween Town offers a pumpkin patch, corn maze, gem mining and a giant 30 ft. slide. Thrill seekers can choose between Talladega Frights, a motel-inspired attraction or Cuentos del Infierno, a haunted cornfield.

#### **More Haunts in the West:**

- [Unit 55 Haunted attraction and escape room](#), Spokane Valley, Washington
- [13th Door Haunted Attraction](#), Beaverton, Oregon
- [Seattlehaunts](#), Seattle, Washington
- [Kitsap Haunted Productions](#), Bremerton, Washington
- [Haunt Cartel Productions](#), Deer Park, Washington

#### **About The Haunted Attraction Association**

The Haunted Attraction Association, the only official association in the haunt industry, serves as the voice of the haunted attraction industry. Our mission is to promote our worldwide network of haunted attractions including Haunted Houses, Haunted Hayrides, Scream Parks, Mega-Haunts, Halloween Festivals, Haunted Outdoor Trails, Corn Mazes, and Amusement Park Halloween Events. In addition our

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