Welcome to the Haunted Hollows Fest Special Event: "A Haunt for Every Heart"

## **General Information Page**

**A Haunt for Every Heart Event** is designed specifically as a Sensory Friendly Event for people of all ages. We welcome families, individuals, groups, school programs, recreation programs and agencies to this event. The special event is available on any one of these four days:

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 2pm

Friday, September 26th, 11am to 2pm

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 2pm

Sunday, September 28th, 11am to 2pm

## This Special Event will be hosted at:

## **Will County Fairgrounds**

710 S West Street Peotone, IL 60468

**Parking and Entry at the Event:** The Parking Lot and the Entry Gate are on the WEST side of the grounds, off of Peotone/Wilmington Road. Special parking arrangements will be made for school buses and Special Service vehicles, please contact hauntforeveryheart@gmail.com for more information.

#### Tickets *Please Note:*

<u>All Tickets</u> for A Haunt for Every Heart Event are available on the website at <u>www.HauntedHollowsFest.com</u> by clicking on A Haunt for Every Heart Event icon.

<u>For A Haunt for Every Heart Event ONLY</u>, the entrance fee is waived, the ticket price is adjusted and visitors can opt to purchase tickets at the gate.

For quicker entry, groups of 10 or more should be purchased prior to the Haunt for Every Heart event.

#### **Weather Conditions**

**Everything is open regardless of weather:** This event is mostly housed in covered buildings and will be open, come rain or shine.

### The Haunted Hollows Fest "A Haunt for Every Heart Event"

#### **Features:**

**Pumpkin Patch:** For all ages, the pumpkins will be on tiered straw bales for your picking and purchase.

**Halloween Maze:** A 40x40 blow up maze for the Halloween adventures for all ages. This is a child size maze that is approximately 5 foot tall.

**Haunted Barn:** Outside features lead you to the Haunted Barn door entrance. In the barn, is a series of multiple attractions that are designed for to scare and entertain Many visual effects and props that show blood and gore will be visible. For this event, there will be no jump scares, strobe lights or smoke machines. And, multiple exits will be available for this event.

**Ground Games/Activities**: Come and enjoy some fest fun! Game examples: Basketball Wagon, Corn Cribs, Pumpkin Checkers, Bozo Buckets, Dunk Tank, Blow-up Axe Throw and other fun activities.

**Educational Presentations:** The History and Making of a Face Mask, Fun Facts about Pumpkin Growing, or the History of Halloween/Trivia Game. Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

## **Supports and Accommodations**

**Signage and Maps:** Look for completed maps and resources for visual maps, photo maps, icons and resources for you to create your own social story specific to your needs. Check the Haunted Hallows Website for updates to the "Haunt for Every Heart Event". We expect to have a full array of photos of the actual landscape by September 20<sup>th</sup> Please check back to the website to download and use icons, photos, social stories, and other sensory friendly material that will support fun experiences at the Haunt for Every Heart Event.

**Designated Quiet Space:** Quiet space will be available in the Pumpkin Patch/Vendor Area. It is a 10x20 area that is tarp wrapped in one of the covered barns. Bring your own head phones, music and personal items for comfort. Coloring books/pages and crayons will be available. Tables and chairs will be available.

**Sounds You May Hear**: Blowing motors in activity areas, traffic sounds on the outside roads, Halloween related music playing.

**Smells You Might Find:** Food smells such as popcorn, pretzels. pizza, fall fragrances such as pumpkin and straw.

**Lighting:** Natural lighting is used in most areas, in the barns will be illuminated by led lighting, for this event the Haunted Barn will not use strobe lighting, flashes or dark space.

### **Things You May See:**

People in Costumes

Static Displays of Ghouls and Ghosts

Vendor Tables

Fire Truck, Crashed Airplane

Static Displays of Firefighter Rescue Teams

Vendors

Food Trucks and Eating Areas,

Portable Toilets and Washing Stations

Blow Up features: Maze, Axe Game and others.

Pumpkin Shopping Area

A decorated fence line, hay bales, corn stalks, spider webs, various souvenirs for sale, and all types of colors.

## **Special Spaces Made Available**

**Designated Quiet Space:** This space will be made available in the quiet areas of the barn.

**Information Tent:** Just in case you have questions, comments or immediate needs, resources and the locations of the barns, etc.

**Rest Areas** will be scattered throughout the event.

**Two ADA Porto Potty's and Wash Stations** will be available in two locations on the Fairgrounds.

**Changing Tent** will be available for personal changing needs.

There will be no alcohol permitted at the Haunted Hollows Fest and/or at A Haunt for Every Heart Event.

### Eating Area Exceptions for *A Haunt for Every Heart* Attendees

**Rule Exceptions:** Visitors at A Haunt for Every Heart Event will be allowed to bring their own lunch, snacks, pop and/or water.

### Peanut Free Eating Areas in the picnic/lunch area

#### Food available for Purchase:

Pizza

**Hot Dogs** 

**Bottled Pepsi Products** 

Apple Cider, hot chocolate, Water

**Snow Cones** 

Pretzels, Nachos, Popcorn

Candy

Cotton Candy

**Wash Stations** will also be available in the eating area.

**Staged Photo Ops:** Bring your camera to take your pictures with props along the fence line. Some photo ops may be scary and some are just for fun.

**What to Wear:** You can wear a costume or comfortable clothing matching to the weather forecast.

**Rainy Day:** Bring your umbrella, features are covered, pathways to the features are open to the weather.

**Souvenirs:** Event related souvenirs will be available for purchase in the vendor area.

### **Service Animals**

A service animal is defined as a dog specifically trained to perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Examples include guiding visually impaired individuals or alerting those who are deaf. The tasks must be directly related to the person's disability. Animals providing only comfort or emotional support are not considered service animals under the ADA.

### **Service Animal Rules**

**Access:** Service animals are generally allowed in all public areas of the venue.

**Identification:** Staff may ask two questions to verify if an animal is a service animal, unless the service is obvious: 1) Is the animal required due to a disability? 2) What task has the animal been trained to perform?

**Control:** The animal must be under the handler's control, typically with a leash or harness, unless this interferes with its work or the handler's disability.

**Behavior:** Service animals should be housebroken and well-behaved; disruptive behavior may lead to removal.

**Responsibility:** The handler is responsible for the animal's care, including cleanup.

**Fees:** No extra fees are charged for service animals, but handlers may be liable for damages caused by the animal.

#### **Exclusion of Service Animals:**

An animal may be excluded if it is out of control and the handler doesn't correct the behavior, is not housebroken, or poses a direct safety threat. If a service animal is excluded for legitimate reasons, the individual with a disability will be offered the opportunity to participate without the service animal.



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