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Haunted Tours continue Oct. 29

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The Friends of the Frontier Army Museum presents the annual Haunted Tour as a fundraiser for the Frontier Army Museum. Tour attendees had two Saturday dates to choose from again this year, Oct. 22 and Oct 29.

Tiffany Crain, event chairperson, said the reaction was positive from many people who attended the first Haunted Tour Oct. 22. The final tour meets at the old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks for check-in between 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Oct. 29

The tour visits several “haunted” places on post, including Main Parade, No. 1 Scott, the Sutler House and other historic homes.

FFAM President Connie Croft said the tour has traditionally had a good attendance.

“We had over 500 people attend last Saturday,” Croft said. “We usually have a bigger turnout on the second Saturday for our haunted tours.”

Established in 1827, Fort Leavenworth is the oldest active Army post west of Washington, D.C., and the oldest permanent settlement in Kansas. Many ghost stories are associated with the post.

New this year is a bus tour that visits different locations than the walking tour.. The tour bus departs from the lower parking lot inside the walls of the old USDB after check-in. Tickets for the bus tour can only be purchased at the Frontier Army Museum Gift Shop at 100 Reynolds Ave. Tickets For the bus tour are \$25 for non-FFAM members and \$20 for FFAM members.

“The new haunted bus tour was very popular last Saturday,” Crain said. “The experience features at least 10 ghost stories of the prison graveyard, Infantry Barracks, (Fort Leavenworth) National Cemetery hauntings and more.”

Check-in for the guided walking tours begins at 6 p.m. at the old USDB at 310 McPherson Ave. The guided tours begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for the walking tour are \$15 for non-FFAM members and \$13 for FFAM members and are available for purchase online at www.ffam.us. Refreshments are available for purchase before the tour at the old USDB.

Crain said the tours are presented by an event staff comprised of FFAM members and volunteers from the community.

“Our event staff dresses in the various periodic attire that is appropriate for the particular haunted venue,” Crain said. “What they wear also correlates with the specific ghost story they are telling the tourists. We have 60 volunteers and about a dozen FFAM members involved with presenting and staffing this event.”

Special event status has been granted for Haunted Tour visitors to Fort Leavenworth. This allows visitors attending the Haunted Tour to have access to the post from 4-7 p.m. Visitors must show an authorized form of identification, vehicle registration and proof of insurance at the Grant Gate. To comply with the REAL ID Act of 2005, visitors with a driver’s license from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Washington or American Samoa must provide approved supplemental documentation.

For more information, visit www.FFAM.us, e-mail hauntedtour@ffam.us or call 684-3767.



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Friends of the Frontier Army Museum Haunted Tour participants pass Halloween decorations on the front lawn of the Rookery as they head back to the old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks after hearing tales from storytellers at several stops Oct. 22. A bus tour was offered this year in addition to the guided walking tour. The tours are offered again Oct. 29. See www.ffam.us for more information. Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp