

Name of Event:	Fright at the Museum
Date/Time of Event:	Saturday October 25 th 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Location:	Ohio History Center (800 E. 17 th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211)
Event Description:	Discover the spooky side of Ohio History with Fright at the Museum! Celebrate the season with family-friendly activities for a frightful good time. ▪ Learn about Ohio's own creatures of the night, and how important they are to our ecosystem ▪ Try your hand at early movie magic and test your acting chops with vintage horror movie reels ▪ Step back in time with a midcentury monster mash at the Lustron House ▪ Explore the origins of American Halloween celebrations through time ▪ Weave a web of spooky stories with time travelling tales and storytelling games ▪ Learn how to make apple cider the old-fashioned way ▪ End the evening with a dance party on the red carpet! Family-friendly costumes are encouraged. No adults wearing masks and no props in the shape of weapons, please.
Getting There:	The Ohio History Center is located off of I-71 on 17th Avenue. We are next to the Ohio State Fair and Expo Center and the Ohio State Highway Patrol offices. To get to the Ohio History Center, you can take the 17th Ave. exit off of I-71 in either direction. Turn Left or Right toward the Ohio State Fair and Expo Center; you will then take your first right onto our shared drive, then take another right onto History Street. You can also take the Hudson Street exit from I-71 and turn onto Silver Drive. You will take Silver Drive past the Lowe's and the Historic Crew Stadium. Instead of staying straight on Velma Avenue, turn left onto Hiawatha, then take your first right into our North Gate. Follow this road around the edge of the parking lot until you see the main building.
Logistical Info:	Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. to ensure that your table and activity is ready to go by 6 p.m. We will have a pre-event meeting at 5:40 p.m. We will have a break room available with snacks and beverages. Please ask staff for its location.
Stations & Activities:	1950's Monster Mash. Step back in time to celebrate a midcentury Halloween! Volunteers will share information about 50's Halloween traditions. This position is ideal for volunteers with a pre-approved

1950's costume. All interpretation will be in 3rd person. Information packets about 1950's Halloween traditions will be sent out to volunteers who sign up for this station.

- Activity located in the Lustron Home. 3 spots available on Track it Forward. 1950s costumes ideal but volunteer t-shirts are also okay!

Monster Movie Magic. This station focuses on Foley sound effects in movies. Foley artists need to use their imagination to come up with creative ways to replicate the sounds we hear in movies. Examples include snapping carrots to mimic breaking bones, or crumpling tin foil to replicate the sound of a fire. Volunteers will play a pre-made clip from Creature from the Black Lagoon and visitors will use props to remake the movie sound effects. Other props will also be available to create their own scenes.

- Activity located in the Discovery Theater. 2 spots available on Track it Forward. Volunteer t-shirts and comfy shoes are ideal for this station. Creature from the Black Lagoon was released in 1954 so 1950's dress are also allowed.

Ohio Cryptids. Volunteers will take on the role of cryptozoologists and show visitors the history of unknown creatures from Ohio like the Lake Erie monster, the Grassman and the Loveland Frogman. Props and photos will be used at the station.

- Activity located in Gallery 3. 2 spots available on Track it Forward. Volunteer t-shirts and comfy shoes are ideal for this station. If volunteers would like to wear "explorers" costume, like camo and bucket hats, that is also okay.

Deadly Fashion. It's been said fashion kills – but we have the examples to prove it! Learn about the myths and facts behind some serious fashion faux pas – and the lengths people would go for haute couture.

- Activity located in Gallery 3. Volunteer t-shirts and comfy shoes are ideal for this station.

Soul Cakes & Old-Fashioned Fall Treats. Soul Cakes are small, spiced treats that were traditionally made for Halloween/All Saints Day/All Souls Day. A practice with roots in Europe. This station will share history and traditions, like soul cakes and other fall traditions, with visitors. This station is ideal for volunteers with 1890's clothing!

- Activity located in Gallery 1. 2 spots available on Track it Forward. 1890's dress is ideal but volunteer t-shirts and comfy shoes are okay too.

Hands-on Crafts. If you are interested in getting in touch with your creative side, we got you covered! Supplies will be set-up before the event. Crafts this year are making a paper Halloween mask and making a

pumpkin crown. The step-by-step instructions for the crafts will be sent to the volunteers before the event.

- Activity located on the main museum floor next to the red-carpet stairs. 2 spots available on Track it Forward. Volunteer t-shirts and comfy shoes are ideal for this station.

Apple Cidering. This is a partner station run by Bring the Farm to You. They are going to bring their apple cidering equipment to show visitors how the process works.

- Activity located on the Plaza level.

Creatures of the Night. This is partner station run by the Ohio Wildlife Center. They are going to bring some small animals and share information about nocturnal animals

- Activity located in the Nature of Ohio weather area.

Toxic Taxidermy. This station is run by Curator of Natural History Dave Dyer. Dave is going to talk about chemicals in historical taxidermy along with preservation practices used by the natural history curators to preserve specimens.

- Activity located in the Nature of Ohio taxidermy area.

Guest Talk Dr. Ranum. Subject TBD.

- Activity located at the red-carpet projector.

Indigenous Wonders of Our World. This station is run by Becca Kelly. She will highlight the special lunar alignments happening right now at the Newark Earthworks.

- Activity located near the IWOW hallway.



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11. Dr. Ranum Guest Talk

Dress Code:

Please wear your blue OHC volunteer t-shirt. Shorts are allowed and comfortable shoes are strongly encouraged. If you need an OHC volunteer shirt please reach out to our volunteer office at volunteer@ohiohistory.org

Volunteers are allowed to bring and wear appropriate costumes related to their activity. At this time the History Connection cannot provide costuming for this event.

Cancellations:

If you know in advance that you need to cancel your volunteering shift for this event please email Michael Fouts (mfouts@ohiohistory.org) and remember to also remove your shift from Track it Forward.

If you need to cancel your shift the day of the event, please call the History Center front desk phone number (614-297-2300) and leave a message for us.

Thank you so much for joining us for this event! Your support and willingness to volunteer with us is very much appreciated!