

CAMP SPOOKAMAGA

at Camp Lakamaga

Friday, October 13, 6:00 PM – Sunday, October 15, Noon 2023

Reservation deadline: October 1.

Deadline is critical for planning purposes.

Dear Ghouls,

Welcome to Spookamaga! Thanks for your interest in participating this year.

Please review the Host a Fright Site FAQ and the Fright Site Planning list with all girls and adults in your group. Need ideas for your fright site? Check with Witch One to see if she has something in mind.

You may decide as a troop/group to either come on Friday evening to begin setting up and stay overnight or arrive early on Saturday morning and stay to closing. We hope you'll stay the entire weekend and join us for a snack and a hayride on Friday evening and also for the awards celebration on Saturday evening.

The Award Celebration on Saturday evening is a good chance to congratulate each other on your success. Two troops will be chosen "Ghoul Scouts of the Year" and receive a monetary prize to use toward their next adventure.

Our Spookamaga photographer will be taking candid photos for our use only.

Questions? Contact Witch One - Linda Hudepohl.

Phone: 651-429-3083 or 651-334-2346

Hope you are as excited as we are!

Witch One and the Witches Crew

Both fright site space and overnight space are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Your space is ***not*** reserved until Witch One receives your Registration form, Payment, and Fright Plan and approves them. Please submit completed Registration early.

Direct all questions to Witch One, Linda Hudepohl, 651-429-3083 or 651-334-2346.

Send Registration form, Fright Plan, Code of Conduct, and Check for meals (payable to "Spookamaga") by October 1.

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Host a Fright Site FAQ

What is Spookamaga? Spookamaga is a Halloween event that takes place at Camp Lakamaga in Marine on St. Croix near Forest Lake, MN. Older girl troops host Fright Sites for our visitors.

Who coordinates Spookamaga? Spookamaga is a volunteer-run event. The Witches Crew is made up of former troop leaders and Girl Scout members who volunteer their time and energy.

Where is Spookamaga held? Spookamaga takes place at Camp Lakamaga in Marine on St. Croix near Forest Lake, MN.

When is Spookamaga held? Spookamaga is usually held in October. The exact date is posted on the Spookamaga website.

Who visits Spookamaga? Girls Scouts registered with River Valleys Council and their families visit Spookamaga.

What is a Fright Site? A Fright Site is a Halloween-themed activity station hosted by a group of older Girl Scouts. The hosts will have worked in advance to imagine, design, create and staff the site. It could be anything from telling stories around a campfire to running a haunted house. The only limits are your imagination and the safety of everyone.

Who can Host a Fright Site? Troops who wish to host a fright site must be in 7th grade or higher in fall and registered with Girls Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys Council.

Do we have to make an entire Fright Site? Spooks are also needed to create a character and haunt the trails, staff the maze, etc. Contact Witch One for ideas.

Do we need Adult Chaperones? If so, how many? Adult chaperones are required at fright site and group activities at all times. LEADERS: Refer to Safety-Wise on [Rivers Valleys Council Policy page](#) to be sure there are enough chaperones to meet the Girl Scouts requirement.

May we hand out treats to guests? Troops may hand out treats to guests, however, it is your financial responsibility to provide them. In recent years approximately 1500 – 2000 guests have attended! Please do not include gum in your treats.

Do we need to bring our own decorations and costumes? Bring the decorations needed for your fright site. Troop members should plan to dress up in their own costume.

How do we choose a Fright Site Location? On the registration form indicate your preferred location. If you need help selecting a location contact Witch One for assistance. Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis even if you've previously notified us of your intent to participate. We must have your reservation form and payment to reserve your space.

When do we set up our fright site? You may either come as a troop on Friday evening to begin setting up and stay overnight or arrive early Saturday morning and stay to closing. Sites must be ready for visitors by 1:00 PM.

When do we take down and clean up our fright site? Each troop is responsible for clean-up of their own site. Clean-up at night is difficult so we prefer that you wait until Sunday morning. The Witches

Crew appreciates your help with this. They have much of their own clean-up to do. No early take down please. Troops must check out with Witch One or her designate before leaving the camp.

When do we need to be at our Fright Site? Troops (chaperoned) need to be at their fright site for the entire event - 1:30 - 8:00 PM. You may alternate to visit other sites.

Do we get to visit the rest of the Spookamaga fright sites? Be prepared to work in shifts so that each of you can take time off for tours and meal breaks. Recruit additional volunteers as needed.

Is there a cost to host a fright site? Camp building rental fees are paid with the guest admission fees. Meals are provided to site workers at a very small cost paid by the troop. See registration form for cost.

Where will we stay? Lots of indoor sleeping space is available. A location will be assigned to each group. Indoor sleeping locations may be shared by more than one troop. Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis even if you've previously notified us of your intent to stay overnight. We must have your reservation form and payment to reserve your space. If there are men who will stay overnight, please refer to Girl Scout Council information about special accommodation rules.

What will we eat? All food is freshly prepared by the Witches Crew volunteer cooks in the dining hall. *For safety and ease of camp clean up, no other meal preparations will be permitted. If there are any special dietary needs, we will work with the troop leader to meet needs as much as we are able.* See registration form for more details.

How do we get started? As a troop, review the Fright Site Planning list. Brainstorm ideas for your fright site. A troop leader should contact Witch One to review the idea and get questions answered.

How do we Request a Fright Site? After reviewing the fright site idea with Witch One, complete the Registration Form and submit it with any fees as soon as possible but no later than October 1. Fright site space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis even if you've previously notified us of your intent to stay overnight. We must have your reservation form to reserve your space.

How do we know our Fright Site is Reserved? When your fright site is confirmed, Witch One will send a confirmation to the primary adult contact for your group.

What do we do when we arrive at camp? Check in at the Dining Hall with Witch One or her designate. You will be given detailed information after checking in.

Who can answer questions about Spookamaga?

Call Witch One (Linda Hudepohl) at 651-429-3083 or 651-334-2346.

Fright Site Planning List

- The purpose of Spookamaga is to have fun and entertain our guests. Younger children, who may be easily frightened, will be attending. Leaders are requested to call Witch One to discuss your fright site plans to be sure they are appropriate. Looking for ideas for your fright site? Check with Witch One to see if she has something in mind.
- Friday evening and Saturday morning are times to prepare your site. Fright sites hosts may arrive on Friday afternoon or evening or early Saturday morning. All sites must be ready by 1:30 PM.
- Adults must move all cars to areas designated by Witches Crew on Saturday morning by **12 noon**.
- We will expect your site to be open on Saturday from 1:30 to 8:00 PM. Be prepared to work in shifts so that each of you can take time off for tours and meal breaks. Recruit additional volunteers as needed. Adult chaperones are required at fright site and group activities at all times.
- Consider making a sign to promote your location. Electricity to sites is very limited. You may also wish to think about ways to light your site. You may use torches with care and supervision, but also consider luminaries made from glass jars, sand and candles. Campfires should be in designated fire rings only.
- If you decide to hand out treats to your guests, please remember that it will be your financial responsibility to provide them. In recent years approximately 1500 – 2000 guests have attended! Please plan accordingly. No gum please! The Witches Crew spent several hours picking up the chewed gum that visitors left behind. It is helpful to have your own trash bin for treat wrappers.
- Each troop is responsible for clean-up of their own site. Clean-up at night is difficult so we prefer that you wait until Sunday morning. The Witches Crew appreciates your help with this since they have much of their own clean-up to do.

Meals

All food is freshly prepared by the Witches Crew volunteer cooks in the dining hall. *For safety and ease of camp clean up, no other meal preparations will be permitted.* Every effort is made to provide good quality food that is well liked.

If there are any special dietary needs, we will work with the troop leader to meet needs as much as we are able. **IMPORTANT:** *Special dietary needs/restrictions of vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free available by ADVANCE REQUEST ONLY and MUST BE NOTED ON REGISTRATION FORM.*

Proposed Menu: Subject to Change. All meals include beverage.

Friday PM snack: Italian dunkers, fruit

Breakfasts: Both days - fruit, juice, coffee; Sat - French toast, bacon; Sun - cinnamon rolls, hard-cooked egg, yogurt/ fruit/granola parfait

Sat. Lunch: soup, sandwich, fruit, ice cream

Sat. Supper: Pulled chicken & bun (vegetarian by advance request), potato chips, potato salad, coleslaw, cookie Saturday PM snack: popcorn, apple slices with caramel

If uncertain about the number of girls and adults participating at fright site, please make a best estimate. We will re-check meal costs at check-in and make any needed adjustments.

Camp Spookamaga Registration Form

Registration Deadline: October 1.

Requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Checks for meals must be payable to "Spookamaga" and enclosed with this registration form.

Troop Number: _____ Service Unit: _____

Number of Girls: _____ Grade in Fall: _____ Number of Adults: _____

Primary Adult Contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Accommodations Request: (check and fill in as many as apply)

We're staying overnight on _____ Friday _____ Saturday

Number of people (adults & girls) who need indoor sleeping space: _____

Meal Request (Adults & Girls) - See note above under Meals about estimating meal costs

Meal	Regular Meals (No special diet) Enter number		Special Diet Meals <i>Dairy-free (DF)</i> <i>Vegetarian (V)</i> <i>Gluten-free (GF)</i> Enter Number-Type (Ex: 2-GF)		Total Number of Meals		Cost		Total Cost
Friday PM snack							\$0.00		
Saturday breakfast		+		=		X	\$5.00	=	
Saturday lunch		+		=		X	\$5.00	=	
Saturday supper		+		=		X	\$5.00	=	
Saturday PM snack							\$0.00		
Sunday breakfast		+		=		X	\$5.00	=	
								<u>Total Due</u>	

