



Westmont Park District Community Center

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The Westmont Park District is requesting a Hotel/Motel grant for the Haunted Forest Event.

The Haunted Forest Event has grown into something that families throughout DuPage County look forward to every year. Since the first Haunted Forest in 2006, we have seen exponential growth in attendance. Last year we had our record number of attendance, 1,229 visitors, surpassing the previous record of 1,067 which was set in 2016. We had attendance from the following towns:

- Westmont – 675
- Downers Grove – 174
- Darien – 52
- Willowbrook – 44
- Clarendon Hills – 37
- Chicago - 22
- Brookfield – 18
- Hinsdale – 15
- Woodridge - 14
- Bolingbrook, Oakbrook – 11
- Plainfield, LaGrange - 10
- Berwyn, Lombard, Romeroville – 7
- Riverside - 6
- Naperville, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates– 5
- Bellwood, Glenview, Homer Glen, Itasca, Itasca– 4
- Wheaton, Western Springs, Villa Park, Lockport – 3
- Oregon, Lyons, Lisle, Lemont, Glendale Heights, Chicago Ridge, Bloomingdale – 2
- Oak Park, Oak Lawn - 1
- Indiana – 5
- Iowa City, IA – 2
- Boulder, CO
- Spain - 1

We are requesting the maximum amount allowed under the grant program, which we were informed is \$2,500. In order to continue to grow this event for the Park District and Village of Westmont, we have to continue to be creative in our offerings. We need more elaborate sets, better costumes and more realistic props. The people attending this event want and deserve the best experience possible starting from the line and up until the end of the tour.

The Haunted Forest has become part of a great offering the Saturday before Halloween. We have the Trick-or-Treat trail downtown Westmont, Pumpkin Smashing, Casket Races and end with the Haunted Forest.

In addition to bringing individuals from outside Westmont, the Haunted Forest Event provides a great way to bring the community together.

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