

URGE SAFE, SANE HALLOWEEN

Halloween Games You'll Like To Play

Bud Lists Many Suggestions For October 31 Parties

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HALLOWEEN, quaint old festival crammed with queer superstitions, has now become an occasion for fun. Billikens who plan to entertain their friends this Halloween might give a ghost party or a barn party. Both parties, from beginning to end, should have a mysterious element. Pen the invitations on cards in the form of black cats, ghosts, or witches. The invitation for the ghost party may read like this:

Dear Spook Friend:

You are invited to come to a Ghost convention on October 31, otherwise known as Halloween. Come around at 8 o'clock and park your troubles at the door. Upon arrival each ghost will be given full ghostly regalia of sheet and pillow case. Be sure to come and see what happens at the stroke of twelve. "Fun" is the password.

(Hostess name)
High Ghost
(Address)

The home, of course, must have a ghostly atmosphere. Cover all the lights with lavender paper or use a few candles so that everything is dim. Drape the furniture, the dress form, and brooms with sheets.

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Candy Cuts

It may seem strange, but ghosts eat, too! The Halloween party will not be a success without a menu properly planned. When spirits and witches are around, the nearer they are to one another the better they will like it. Therefore, a long narrow table is best. Place a small candy-filled black cat at each plate. To help dispel the shivery feeling of Halloween, hot bouillon should be served. Be sure to have deviled eggs, devil's cake, sandwiches and the traditional pumpkin pie.

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The Barn Party

Much fun can be had at a Halloween barn party, too. A clever way to decorate the home is to have: ghosts and skeletons made of broomsticks and sheets hidden around; pumpkins lighted with candles and wired around the room; and bats made of brown cheesecloth and whalebone suspended by threads from the ceiling.

An 18th century English custom is to bring a large tub of water into the barn or house. Have each girl write her name on a separate piece of paper, twist it tightly and throw it into the water. A candle end attached to a flat cork, is then placed on the water and floats this way and that among the slips. One by one it burns them up. When the candle end splutters and dies, there are always one or two slips left. Take these out and open them. According to the old tradition the young ladies whose names appear upon them will never marry.

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Duck For Apples

Another old Halloween game, which is lots of fun, is to bob or duck for apples. This can be played at the barn party too. The person who wins the apple pares it round and round in one piece and throws it over his shoulder or head. It falls in some grotesque form, which the guests interpret as the letter of the player's future mate. This game, American in origin, was popular among Colonial girls. As they tossed the paring they used to say:

"By this paring let me discover
The initial of my true lover."

Old traditions and customs, no matter how silly and frivolous they seem, add a quaintness which no Billiken can fail to enjoy.

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As guests enter house, barn, cellar, or wherever the celebration is held, they are welcomed by a Shade who introduces them to another Shade by saying: "This is the shade of my grandfather," or "This is the shade of my aunt," etc.

The Shade to whom the guest is introduced conducts the guest to waiting room and introduces the guest to Ghost or Spook: "Permit me to introduce the (Ghost) of this room; she died ten years ago," or "She was murdered in this very room," etc.

Each time a guest is introduced, Shade may say when a moan is heard, "There is the moan of my ancestor," or "Your great aunt is turning over in her grave," or "That is the groan of millions who have died from overeating," etc.

After the guests have removed wraps they are ushered into the

first entertainment room by a band of Spooks who close around them.

If the evening is opened with stage entertainment the whole place is kept in darkness and moans, groans and hisses continue from all parts of the room until guests feel shivery. If all enter into the spirit of the occasion pandemonium will reign.