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Ghost hunters to gather at Nicholasville sites

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Who you gonna call?

Call local ghost hunter Starr Chaney to sign up for next week's inaugural Kentucky Paranormal Conference slated for next Friday and Saturday night.

Chaney, a certified ghost researcher and paranormal investigator, invites the public to get into the spirit of ghost hunting by attending the conference, to be held at two local sites, Camp Nelson and The Old Jail.

The event will be the first time such a conference has been held in Kentucky, and Chaney and other ghost hunters plan to make it an annual event.

Activities planned for Camp Nelson Civil War Park will include a camp-out on Friday night, with participants pitching their tents on the very grounds where the soldiers' barracks once stood.

Chaney, who is also a member of the American Dowsing Association, will be the instructor. She will cover topics such as learning to dowse for paranormal activity, and communicating with ghosts using dowsing equipment.

Friday night activities will include a ghost hunt on the grounds of Camp Nelson, including the Refugee Cemetery, earthen forts, and the site of the Civil War prison. A rain plan will consist of a ghost hunt of the White House, which served as the headquarters and officers' quarters during the Civil War.

Chaney said at previous camp-outs at Camp Nelson, a great deal of paranormal activity has been experienced.

Guest speaker David Domine, author of "Ghosts of Old Louisville," and "Phantoms of Old Louisville" will be on hand, as well as medium Denita Ross, who will speak about past life regressions.

Todd Bates, EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena) specialist of haunted voices, will discuss learning how to record spirit voices, and the best way to capture voices, the best times to do EVP work, how to share them with others, and more.

Chaney said the goals behind the conference are to bring ghost hunters together as a team, and to give anyone is in interested in learning about ghost hunting the opportunity to do so.

Also at the conference will be presentations of actual investigation results from haunted locales in Kentucky complete with EVP findings.

Saturday classes will be held at the Old Jail inside the actual cells. A prescreening of Utopia Dream Productions new documentary, "Haunted Kentucky," featuring Starr and Jessica Chaney, will be shown. A continental breakfast, box lunch, and sit down dinner on Saturday will be included in the conference price of \$99 per person.

Chaney said that like Camp Nelson, the Old Jail is reputed to be haunted, and she and other ghost hunters have seen evidence of the spirit world there on previous occasions.

"We have caught orbs [on tape] and sensed presences," she said. "The people who work there have said they would not be surprised if it was haunted."

For more information about the conference, call Chaney at 885-5155, or visit www.kyghosthunters.com.

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