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Teen and adult volunteers can prepare to scare during All Hallows Eve

Naperville, Ill. – Is Halloween your favorite holiday? Do you wear vampire teeth throughout the year just for fun? Then become a costumed volunteer at All Hallows Eve: A 19th Century Halloween to be held from 6:30-10 p.m. Oct. 23-24 at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. The scariest and most sinister characters of the 19th century come to life throughout the village and volunteers should be prepared to scare more than 3,000 visitors who attend All Hallows Eve.

Find out about the character parts available for those who are high school age (16+) and older at one of two informational meetings to be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, or from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Naper Settlement's Meeting House, located at the corner of Porter Avenue and Webster Street.

During a past All Hallows Eve, Naperville resident and local columnist Hilary Decent volunteered to portray a Shakespearean witch and her husband, Ross, volunteered as the butler at the haunted mansion.

"I love interacting with the public," Hilary said. "I like the thrill of having to stay in character no matter what. I most enjoy being out on the grounds because it means I can ad lib and don't have loads of lines to learn as I would if I were in a play."

Hilary advises volunteers to come to the informational meetings in September to learn more about the event and the parts that are available. "There are so many great volunteer opportunities for us here in Naperville, but nowhere else can you paint yourself green, stick a bloody axe in your head and wander around a moonlit field terrifying people," she said.

For more information about becoming a costumed character at All Hallows Eve, call (630) 305-5557 or e-mail neducator@naperville.il.us.

History comes to life at Naper Settlement, an outdoor museum village, located in downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open year round, for more information about hours and admission prices, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

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