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# Navy Pier's Halloween celebration highlighted by first-ever free film screenings in the new Polk Bros Park

*Festivities to include two movie events, Pier-wide trick-or-treating, a costume contest, Haunted Maze, Halloween-themed boat cruises, special fireworks and more!*

**CHICAGO** – Join in on the fun and fright at Navy Pier as we celebrate Halloween with a wicked week of special events, including two feature films, Pier-wide trick-or-treating, a costume contest, Haunted Maze, Halloween-themed boat cruises and parties, a *spooktacular* fireworks show and more!

The festivities kick off on Saturday, October 22 with a special film screening of “**Hotel Transylvania**” at 6 p.m. in Polk Bros Park, located at the main entrance of the Pier. Weather permitting, guests are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the free, family-friendly movie event.

Also on Saturday, Navy Pier will participate in **The Halloween Gathering Parade**, presented by the Chicago Cultural Mile Association. Catch the spectacle parade from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as it makes its way down Columbus Drive from Balbo Street to Monroe Street.

At Navy Pier, it's never too early to start **trick-or-treating**! Swing by on Sunday, October 23 between noon to 4 p.m. and hit all of our designated trick-or-treat stops throughout the Pier to collect candy and a stamp on your passport, which can be picked up at Navy Pier's Guest Services Desk at the main entrance. Once completed, the passport can be redeemed at the Guest Services Desk for a special prize. Trick-or-treating at the Pier will continue on Sunday, October 30 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Monday, October 31 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Starting Friday, October 28, the Amazing Chicago's Funhouse Maze will transform into a **Haunted Maze** – featuring 4,800 square feet of pure terror, with surprises at every twist and turn. The Haunted Maze will be operational from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on October 28 and 29, and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 30 and 31.

Think you've got a winning costume this year? Enter Navy Pier's annual **Costume Contest**, held in the Family Pavilion on Saturday, October 29. Registration begins at 4 p.m. and the contest is set for 5 p.m. Then, head out

to Polk Bros Park for a special film screening of “**The Addams Family**” at 6 p.m. Be sure to stick around to catch the *spooktacular* **fireworks show presented by Miller Lite** at 9 p.m.

Those 21 and over can wreak havoc into the witching hours of the night at one of the several celebrations on the Pier, including the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haunted Halloween Ball** in the Aon Grand Ballroom and **Nightmare on the Pier** on the Lakeview Terrace. Both events run from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on October 29 and offer cash bars, music selection from Chicago’s top DJs and unparalleled views of the lake and skyline. Tickets begin at \$15 and can be purchased [online](#).

Rather take your chances out on the deep, dark waters of Lake Michigan? Board the Spirit of Chicago – if you dare – for one of the following cruises: **The Haunted Halloween Party Cruise** on October 29 (5:30 p.m. boarding, with a 6 p.m. departure and 8 p.m. return); **The Haunted Ghost Ship** on October 29 (11:15 p.m. boarding, with a midnight departure and 2 a.m. return); and **Shipwrecked Halloween Party Cruise** on October 31 (5:30 p.m. boarding, with a 6 p.m. departure and 8 p.m. return). Tickets begin at \$20 and can be purchased [online](#).

For more information or a full listing of the haunted happenings at Navy Pier, visit [www.navy Pier.com](http://www.navy Pier.com).

### **About Navy Pier**

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is the top-attended leisure destination in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than 8 million guests annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. In 2016, Navy Pier celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of special events and programming, the grand opening of its new Centennial Wheel and ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts as part of the Centennial Vision. Navy Pier, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, maintains and oversees Navy Pier and its redevelopment into a bolder, greener and more contemporary urban space. For more information, visit our website at [www.navy Pier.com](http://www.navy Pier.com).

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