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## **Day at the Boo-seum: History Center to Host Family-Friendly Halloween Program**

***-All kids receive free admission, supported by the Kamin “Free for Kids” initiative-***  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29, 2025 – The Senator John Heinz History Center – the Smithsonian’s home in Pittsburgh – will host a **Haunted History Center Halloween** program on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when families can enjoy a day of tricks, treats, and ghoulishly grand fun.

Children and families are invited to take part in a Halloween scavenger hunt spanning all six floors of the museum with trick-or-treat stations located throughout. Along the way, visitors can explore the Scary Pittsburgh section inside the ***Pittsburgh’s Hidden History*** exhibition and encounter costumed interpreters in the galleries. Kids will also have the opportunity to create their own masks inspired by the displays.

At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., folklorist Thomas White will lead Spooky Storytime, featuring eerie tales and legends from Pittsburgh’s past. Geared toward ages 6 to 12, these sessions will present local folklore in a way that is engaging and age-appropriate.

The program will also feature Halloween-themed activities including face painting, temporary tattoos, and a photo booth. Children will receive a complimentary special-edition orange pickle pin as a seasonal souvenir.

Guests can also step outside to visit The Coffin Bean & Co., a mobile coffee bar that will be on site serving themed beverages.

With trick-or-treating, crafts, live storytelling, and family-friendly activities, Haunted History Center Halloween offers a full day of seasonal programming for all.

Children are welcome to come in costume, but full-face masks and toy weapons are prohibited.

All kids aged 17 and under receive free admission to the History Center, thanks to support from the Kamin “Free for Kids” initiative. Regular admission rates apply for adults. For more information and to register in advance, please visit [heinzhistorycenter.org/events](https://heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

The **Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The History Center was recently voted as the #1 history museum in America by readers of USA Today and “Best Museum in Pittsburgh” by Pittsburgh Magazine. The History Center and **Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum** are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District. The History Center’s family of museums includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa., in Washington County. More information is available at [heinzhistorycenter.org](https://heinzhistorycenter.org).



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