

HAUNTED SEASIDE

IF YOU GO

Who: Oregon Ghost Conference

What: The Northwest's largest paranormal convention filled with speakers, courses, tours and parties

When: 2 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Friday, March 23; 9 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25

Where: Seaside Civic & Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside, Ore.

Tickets: General admission \$10, ages 12 and under free

Class fees: \$12 for one-hour classes, \$20 for two-hour classes

**Gallery Reading/GhostTours/
Past Life Regression/Seance:** \$15

Historical Conjuring: \$10

Investigations: \$25

Oregon Ghost Conference features new activities geared toward children

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COAST WEEKEND

There was always at least one in every toy chest.

A ventriloquist doll whose eyes shift on their own a little more than they should. An antique baby doll that looks like she's seen too much. A stuffed animal that ends up in the corner of your room, where you know you didn't put it.

Delving into the phenomenon of haunted toys is one way the seventh

annual Oregon Ghost Conference is encouraging more kids to participate in the paranormal. About 1,000 people are expected to attend the conference Friday, March 23, to Sunday, March 25, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center. The event features dozens of classes related to the paranormal, ghost walks and spooky ghost investigations.

While the conference has always been open to families, this year organizer Rocky Smith decided to include a Kids Paranormal Zone, where kids can make spooky crafts, learn about ghost-hunting equipment, take pictures with the Portland Ghostbusters or, if they dare, attend a haunted toy show-and-tell.

Conference participants on the Seaside ghost walk at the 2017 event.
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