



JOIN THE FAMILY  
& THE FUN!

# HOW TO VOLUNTEER





# WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to “Scare the YELL” out of your friends and family in a haunted attraction? This is your chance!

## HOW DO YOU MAKE MONEY?

- 1) Up to 250 volunteers are staffed per night.
- 2) An hourly wage for each volunteer is donated to the non-profit of their choosing.
- 3) Over 2.7 million dollars donated in the past 29 years!
- 4) Over \$148,000 donated in 2024! (the top group raised over \$24,000!!)

## WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

- 1) We find a spot that works best for you. Perhaps scaring just isn't for you, but you still want to get involved? We have you covered! Trust us when we say it takes a village to operate a Scream Park so there are alternative positions available such as:
  - Ticket Takers
  - Midway Game Operators
  - Patron Traffic Controllers
  - Parking Lot Attendants
  - AND MORE!
- 2) Volunteers must be at least a Junior in high school.
- 3) Every volunteer must attend a brief training session before being scheduled to work.



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## WHAT IS THE NILES SCREAM PARK?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Niles Scream Park! Our attraction is regarded as one of the oldest and best in the country, but what we are most proud of is the project has remained a non-profit since its beginning with the Niles Jaycees in 1974.

In 1988, the project ventured outside of the Jaycees to support many local charities. Since then, the Scream Park has donated more than 2.7 million dollars to charity and has over 65 different non-profits associated with the project each year. Attached to this informational packet is a list of donations that were made over the last few years.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are TWO primary ways to get involved as a volunteer:

1) **Become a "Group Leader"** - You will be the leader of a group of people and provide direct communication to your team of dedicated volunteers. In order to establish a new group and be a group leader, your group must be a non-profit and be able to provide a W-9.

Each volunteer organization is required to have a "group leader" who serves as the contact person for the members of the group. In early August, the group leader will attend our annual training, introducing him or her to the project and explaining how we keep over 500 volunteers organized. With that many volunteers you can understand why we prefer communication to come from the group leader only.

All of the volunteers in a group will register with their group leader before we open in mid-September including the dates they are available to volunteer. Knowing everyone's availability early allows us to create a schedule for the entire season. With up to 250 volunteers of staff each night, we need to have an idea early on if we will need more groups to adequately operate the Park every night.

Every volunteer is required to attend a brief training session introducing them to the project and preparing them for what to expect when volunteering at the Scream Park. We have multiple training sessions on different dates and times to ensure that all volunteers can find a training that fits their schedule. If a volunteer cannot make one of the trainings or joins later in the season, they are still welcome, they just need to complete our online training before volunteering.

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2) **Become a "Scholarship Contributor"** - You don't have a non-profit group to start and simply want to join in on the fun? No problem! You're what we call a scholarship contributor. The Niles Scream Park has various college scholarship funds that are annually distributed to select local high schools. Your volunteer time is directly donated to the different scholarships.

Similar to being a member of a group, you still are required to attend a one hour training session introducing you to the project and what you can expect.

There are perks and incentives built into volunteering with the project such as t-shirts, free tickets, dinner on select nights and sometimes giveaways from our sponsors. What we feel is the best gift of all is creating lifetime memories among a great group of people.

## WHO CAN VOLUNTEER

Basically, there is a job for anyone willing to volunteer. With 7 haunted attractions and 44 acres to manage, we have all sorts of "occupations" including scary and non scary positions. We do our best to work with everyone's unique skill set and preferences to put them in the best position to contribute to the project, keeping in mind limitations due to health, age, etc.

In order to volunteer at the Scream Park when we are open, you must be at least a Junior in high school and complete a background check.



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## HOW DO WE JOIN?

We hope that you or your group is interested in participating with the project. While we understand the atmosphere of a haunted house is not for everyone, we encourage you to give it a try. The Scream Park is full of great people working for great causes and we hope you decide to **Join the Family!**

## WHEN DO WE RECEIVE FUNDRAISING DOLLARS?

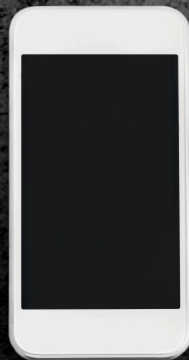
At the conclusion of our season, all hours for each group are tallied and a donation is made to each group based upon the hours of participation by their volunteers. The groups are paid by the hour for each contributing member.

The Scream Park hosts an annual celebration the Sunday before Thanksgiving where all volunteers are invited to attend. During the celebration, checks are distributed to all of the groups for their participation during the preceding twelve months. Some volunteers receive t-shirts and other gifts for their assistance as a token of appreciation from the Board of Directors for the Scream Park.

## READY TO GET STARTED?

If you have any questions and/or you're ready to join the fun, please contact Ross during normal business hours at (269) 445-3871 or email us at [niles@haunted.org](mailto:niles@haunted.org)

You can also complete the contact form on our website using the QR code below and we will be in contact with you shortly following your submission.



**SEE ATTACHED DONATIONS**

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**NILES SCREAM PARK 2024 DONATIONS**

<b>NAME OF GROUP/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DONATION</b>
American Heritage Girls Troop MI 2006	1,600.00
AMVETS Post 911	1,000.00
Baroda American Legion Auxiliary	4,000.00
Beacon Health Foundation	1,825.00
Berrien County Council for Children	3,725.00
Berrien County Sheriff-Reserve Division	3,535.00
Beta Sigma Phi	600.00
Boy Scout Troop #541	24,420.00
Boy Scout Troop #555	2,200.00
Brandywine HS Baseball	1,200.00
Brandywine High School Bowling Team	600.00
Brandywine Project Graduation	70.00
Buchanan College Club	130.00
Buchanan Music Boosters	1,300.00
Buchanan Scarecrow Charity	75.00
Buchanan Youth Softball & Baseball Association	450.00
Bull Terrier Resecue Mission	2,350.00
Cass County Fair Association	7,850.00
Cub Scout Pack #787	7,440.00
Edwardsburg Little League	100.00
Fairland Christian Church	2,125.00
First Church of Christ	725.00
Girls Softball Association (Niles Brandywine)	1,950.00
Greater Niles Little League	300.00
Green Dance Company	1,950.00
Hakuna Matata Relay for Life	1,475.00
Haunters Against Hate	14,100.00
Haunters For Hope-American Cancer Society-Relay for Life	3,150.00
Humane Society of Elkhart County	2,900.00
Independent Cat Society	100.00
Indiana District 14/Challenger Little League	1,150.00
Kalamazoo Jaycees	125.00
Kiwanis Club of Niles	200.00
Koby's Promise	2,075.00
Lake Michigan College (scholarship)	500.00
Lakeshore High School Stage Crew	10,850.00
LaPorte Little Theater	7,825.00
LaSalle Ambassadors	2,150.00
Legacy Dance Studio	950.00
Miss/Mr. Niles Scholarship Organization -Madison Rodriquez	150.00
Make A Wish Foundation	750.00
Milano's Cancer Fund	100.00
MMC Dance Team	625.00
Michiana Repetition Baseball	550.00
Niles Athletic Boosters	250.00
Niles-Buchanan YMCA (2 basketball teams)	450.00
Niles Elite Cheerleaders	5,200.00
Niles High School (football towels)	500.00
Niles High School Band Boosters	325.00
Niles High School Project Graduation	50.00
Niles High School Class of 2028	140.00
Niles Optimist Soccer League	450.00
Northside Montesori	2,825.00
Performing Arts Workshops	400.00
Pet Refuge	4,525.00
Psi Lota Xi	2,500.00
Place to be Me	550.00
Purdue University (scholarship)	500.00
Reins of Life	1,600.00
Social Justice Alliance of Cass County	145.00
Southwestern Michigan College (2 scholarships)	1,000.00
St. Mary's School	200.00
The Space	825.00
Tri County Head Start	625.00
University of Michigan (2 scholarships)	500.00
Unity of Michiana	650.00
We Can Ride	65.00
Western Michigan University (2 scholarships)	1,000.00
Wounded Warrior Project	1,625.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,145.00</b>

<b>Year</b>	<b>Donation</b>
1996	\$51,257.10
1997	\$43,840.00
1998	\$48,310.25
1999	\$68,840.00
2000	\$76,688.75
2001	\$67,385.00
2002	\$72,622.50
2003	\$81,695.00
2004	\$86,115.00
2005	\$97,287.33
2006	\$105,153.50
2007	\$111,983.75
2008	\$104,405.50
2009	\$55,682.50
2010	\$75,022.50
2011	\$82,714.00
2012	\$58,089.00
2013	\$82,736.50
2014	\$100,494.00
2015	\$106,615.00
2016	\$124,569.65
2017	\$111,150.24
2018	\$132,767.22
2019	\$116,079.15
2020	\$109,915.00
2021	\$125,117.60
2022	\$134,473.00
2023	\$153,015.15
2024	\$148,145.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,732,169.19</b>