



Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts "Happy Haunting" and "Ford Island Witch Project" at John's Place on Ford Island

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Pearl Harbor's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department hosted its "Happy Haunting" and "Ford Island Witch Project" for the second year in a row. Both of the haunted house events were held at John's Place community center, Ford Island and provided Halloween fun for all ages.

"Happy Haunting" offered two hours of free, fun-filled non-stop entertainment for keiki nine and younger last Friday and Saturday. The event included game booths, a bouncy house, face-painting stall, pumpkin-coloring contest, food booths and more.

Jeana Suan, a volunteer for the project who helped the kids put together homemade noisemakers said, "I'm enjoying this as much as the kids are. I'm having a great time sharing my Halloween with them."

At the "Ford Island Witch Project," a house of horrors held Oct. 27 & 28 from 8 p.m. - midnight and Oct. 29 from 7 - 10 p.m., Halloween tricksters got to experience the sightings of fear-provoking creatures and plenty of spine-chilling scenes.

Kevin Rost, whose wife Kat acted as the "Project's" assistant director, took charge of building the haunted house with a theme based on the movie "Blair Witch Project." "We started with a vacant room, and it took about four and a half weeks to build," he said. "All of the materials were donated by vendors out in town. Each of our volunteers took a section of the room, an idea and started building."

What they came up with was a bone-chilling adventure walk through a "Blair Witch" forest, a chopping block and hangmen, a gas chamber and a house of mirrors.

"By Saturday there had been at least 800 people that have gone or who went through the house," said Kat Rost, MWR's Assistant Youth Director. "We've had a great turnout."

Volunteers from area commands and the community helped to make both events a haunting good time. All proceeds from "The Project" went to MWR youth and leisure activities. Plus, patrons who brought a canned good donation were twice rewarded, once with \$.50 off the price of admission and again by having their canned good donation sent to the Navy-



Volunteer Jeana Suan (above) helps kids make Halloween noisemakers on Saturday volunteer for "Happy Haunting" held at John's Place community center on Ford Island.



Volunteer Tristan "Tigger" Renyolds helps out a visitor at the ring toss during the Happy Haunting and Ford Island Witch Project on Ford Island. Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored the second annual event.



Coby Stickroth, 4, "fishes" for prizes with help from his dad, MM3 Robert Stickroth Naval Station Security, his wife Yoko.