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Ghost Hunt at Cowtown

Public can track live investigation, ask questions via Twitter

For the first time, the public can follow a paranormal investigation at Cowtown Museum as it happens via Twitter. This Saturday from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Cowtown staff will be “live tweeting” updates and pictures through Cowtown’s Twitter account – @wichitacowtown – as they accompany members of the Wichita Paranormal Research Society (WPRS) around Cowtown’s grounds and inside its historic buildings. Cowtown’s Twitter followers are also encouraged to submit questions for investigators that they will answer throughout the course of the investigation, which is closed to the public. To find Cowtown’s Twitter account online go to Twitter.com/wichitacowtown.

(Note to media: WPRS members will begin setting up equipment in and around Cowtown buildings at 8 p.m. Please contact Angela Cato at 462-2787, ext. 742 if you are interested in sending reporters and camera crews to Cowtown.)

During Saturday’s overnight hunt, about 15 WPRS investigators will be documenting paranormal activity inside and around four structures in particular: the parsonage, Southern Hotel, farm house and the Murdock House (1874 home of Marshall Murdock, founder and editor of the Wichita City Eagle).

Investigators will be armed with digital cameras, EMF detectors that can detect disruptions in electromagnetic fields and digital voice recorders to pick up electronic voice phenomenon (EVP). EVPs are disembodied voices or sounds that are only picked up by recording devices. There will also be multiple video cameras with infrared technology continuously recording in the buildings.

The WPRS visit is part of a series of investigations the group conducts yearly at Cowtown. In the past, WPRS members have reported being touched and screamed at by paranormal entities as well as having equipment knocked over. There have also been instances of lights going on and off without explanation and multiple EVPs captured.

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WPRS doesn't plan on formally revealing its 2010 findings until October when it holds its "Third Annual Historic Haunting at Cowtown" event at the museum. Through live Twitter feeds, however, amateur ghost hunters everywhere can get a sneak peak at the progress.

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