Why start the countdown now?

From August forward, it seems as though life returns to full-speed after the relative timelessness of summer.

In the 13 weeks leading up to Halloween, many of us move from high, hot summer to chilly autumn -- and some of us will actually experience the coming of winter at the end of that time.

To quote a wise man:
"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around for awhile, you could miss it."

This little booklet is meant to remind we paranormal people to look around and enjoy what is happening right now, while still preparing for one of our favorite seasons & its celebrations.
--Renae

To Do in August

0 Enjoy the heat; summer will end.
0 Plan weekly spooky movies to watch.
0 See a midnight matinee.
0 Go to the drive-in movies.
0 Moon bathe, preferably naked.
0 Go night swimming.
0 Take a midnight walk.
0 Attend a carnival at night.
0 Shop at a Farmers' Market.
0 Eat peaches, melon & corn on the cob.
0 Have a squirt gun or water balloon fight.
0 Have a fancy drink under the stars.
0 Watch the sky for Perseid Meteors.
0 Visit the local ice cream parlor.
0 Roast marshmallows over a fire.
0 Chill tee shirts in the freezer.
0 Read on a blanket in the shade.
0 Find props & costumes at yard sales.
0 Craft stores will stock H'ween stuff.
0 Start a H'ween-themed craft / hobby.
0 Buy yourself new crayons.

To Do in September

0 Locate a you-pick orchard & plan a trip.
0 Buy TV Guide's Fall Preview & set DVR.
0 Learn when peak fall color is likely.
0 Take a road trip to coincide with peak.
0 Notice and/or photograph the colors.
0 Adopt an old abandoned grave.
0 Plan autumn's scary-stories reading list.
0 Take advantage of rainy eves to read.
0 ...Or watch classic monster movies.
0 ...Or work on crafts & hobbies.
0 Leave the windows open when you can.
0 Enjoy the season's final thunderstorms.
0 Drink hot cider on cool nights.
0 Browse the H'ween section at stores.
0 Rough out a plan for Oct weekends.
0 If you're having a party, start planning.
0 Start working on your costume(s).
0 Note local H'ween venues & events.
0 Take Twilight Walks.
0 Bake bread, even if it's heat & serve.
0 Send invitations by Oct 1st.

The 13 Weeks to Halloween

August 1st ~ October 31st

"The wind outside nested in each tree, prowled the sidewalks in invisible treads like unseen cats.

Tom Skelton shivered. Anyone could see that the wind was a special wind this night, and the darkness took on a special feel because it was All Hallows' Eve. Everything seemed cut from soft black velvet or gold or orange velvet. Smoke panted up out of a thousand chimneys like the plumes of funeral parades. From kitchen windows drifted two pumpkin smells: gourds being cut, pies being baked."

Ray Bradbury, The Halloween Tree

Happy Halloweentime

Thanks for printing this PDF. It makes me happy to think that others may be choosing & checking off seasonal activites right alongside me.

An instructional video, about how to fold this sheet of paper into a little booklet called a pocket mod, can be accessed by searching YouTube for "fold a pocket mod".

Many of the suggestions and ideas in this booklet are explored in more depth at my blog:
www.theparanormalist.wordpress.com
Just look in the header for "Halloween". There is an index page that I will manage, update and expand as time goes on.

I wish you a full and happy season and a happy Halloween.

To Do in October

0 Wear a costume at every opportunity.
0 Go to a pumpkin farm / petting zoo.
0 ...If possible, take a small child along.
0 Carve more Jacks.
0 Roast the seeds.
0 Wear masquarade masks on a date.
0 Dine by Jack-O-Lantern light.
0 Watch a B&W movie by Jack light.
0 Do other things by Jack light.
0 ...Or try a strobe light.
0 Brave a corn maze or haunted house.
0 Buy or make retro-style decorations.
0 ...Donate some to a retirement home.
0 Have your fortune told.
0 Have a real party, even if it's for 2-3.
0 ... Play old-fashioned H'ween games.
0 Give a box of pet treats to the shelter.
0 Take turns reading something creepy.
0 Buy a spooky kid's book & give it away.
0 Give out good treats.
0 Give a super-prize to 1 trick-or-treater.

To Do in October

0 Wear H'ween tees, pins & jewelry often.
0 Check TV Guide for H'ween specials.
0 Plan to watch a childhood favorite or 2.
0 Make a creepy-mood playlist; listen.
0 Carve a Jack-O-Lantern too early.
0 Carve another when the first one dies.
0 Work on party & event plans.
0 Work on costumes.
0 Play hide-n-seek in the dark.
0 Make & eat caramel apples.
0 Decorate at least 1 room in your home.
0 Kick through a leaf-filled gutter.
0 Memorize some or all of The Raven.
0 Decorate your front door area, at least.
0 "Haunt" your yard if you have one.
0 ...Cheap & easy is fine.
0 Be out, in the dark, late at night, alone.
0 Do a H'ween photo scavenger hunt.
0 Play truth or dare with a friend or lover.
0 Carve a RIP Jack for an adopted grave.
0 ...Light it with a glow stick only.

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