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Haunted Woods helps Shared Harvest Foodbank

If you like ghosts, goblins and scary hayrides in the dark of night, the Izaak Walton League's Hamilton Chapter will give you a chance to have a little fun while also helping Shared Harvest Foodbank.

The chapter's annual Haunted Woods kicks off Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3, and runs for five consecutive weekends in October. The Haunted Woods is located at the Izaak Walton League's Hamilton Chapter property at 450 Beissinger Road near Eaton and West Elkton Roads near Hamilton.

Hayrides into the Haunted Woods begin at dark and run for about 35 to 40 minutes. Tickets can be purchased until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. As an added incentive to get people to come to the Haunted Woods on Friday evenings, Committee member Susan Rhoades said you can get \$1 off the price of admission by bringing one canned good per person with proceeds benefiting Shared Harvest.

"Saturday nights have always been our biggest nights for the Haunted Woods with 1,200 to 1,500 people attending, so we thought giving people a break on ticket prices on Friday might bolster attendance," Rhoades explained.

"I proposed the idea of doing community service so we could help families in need in our area. We're hoping to get new families to come out and help their neighbors."

Rhoades said there are a lot of people who come to the Haunted Woods every fall, and some families even come on more than one weekend during the five-week duration of the event. Tickets for the Haunted Woods normally run \$8, but Rhoades said the price is reduced to \$7 with the canned food donation to Shared Harvest on Fridays. Children under the age of three are admitted free of charge.