

How to
Start
A
Ghost Hunting
Club

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So you want to start a ghost hunting club and have no idea what to do, or how to do it.

It is not so hard.

We have helped start over 100 ghost hunting clubs.
Let's start by asking some basic questions . . .

What is your purpose?

Is it to get . . .

- Rich
- Fame
- Powerful
- Break into Television

Or is it to

- Understand about life after death
- Have fun recording ghost voices
- Record the existence of ghosts

What are you willing to do for this club?

- Gain an understanding about ghosts
- Learn how to photograph ghosts
- Learn how to record ghost voices
- Learn proper protocols and techniques
- Train other members

What is not going to happen . . .

- You will not get money to buy equipment
- You will not become famous
- You will not earn a living from ghost hunting
- You will not charge for doing investigations

So now that you know what is not going to happen, what will happen . . .

You will learn by doing your own investigations

You will . . .

- buy all of your equipment with your own money
- learn there is no free ride in ghost hunting
- learn that some ghost clubs will be jealous of
- learn about dust, pollen, moisture orbs
- become trained so you can teach others

Bottom line is if your motivation is self-centered, you will fail because ghost hunting is not about your ego or being all powerful.

You must become trained so you can train other members in the proper techniques and protocols.

Ghost hunting requires special knowledge so as to not be fooled by environmental orbs, such as dust, tree, grass, weed pollens, or by moisture droplets from rain, snow, or fog.

We offer the finest home study courses available for training new ghost hunters. Visit us at www.ghostweb.com.

Now if we haven't scared you off, it is time to begin teaching you how to start your own ghost club.

A good rule of thumb is to start small and limit the size of your club. There will be many “tire kicker” who show up and want to be a member, but are unwilling to learn and apply what you teach.

These kinds of people are not assets to your club. What you want is members who want to learn and to actual do ghost investigations.

A good size club is composed of ten to twelve members, all committed to ghost hunting. If you have more members, your time is consumed with on-site training instead of conducting actual investigations. In time this becomes boring to you.

Okay, now let us talk about how to form your club. Plan your first meeting to be held at a public building, such as at the library or local school.

Arrange with the library for use of one of their meeting rooms, or contact the school about using one of their school rooms for this meeting.

Contact the local newspaper and list your club under their local events with meeting time and request for new members.

Contact the local radio stations for a public service announcement about the forming of a new ghost hunting club and invite all those who would like to join.

The ads for the newspaper and radio station are free as they are part of the public service announcement feature they offer to the local community.

You can tack up posters about the start up club in grocery stores, telephone poles, or other areas where posters are tacked up for the public to view.

The first mistake most leaders make is to allow their ego to run rampant when they see the turn out for their club. You will have to sort through the people to see who you want into your club.

Anyone with an ego, reject immediately. Each member must be willing to under training and show successful completion of basic knowledge before they can be accepted for an investigation.

Now you might be wondering why requiring them to be trained or to pass any tests.

The answer is that you want members who know what they are doing, not bumbling around in the dark with no clue as to what they should be doing.

Training is not difficult; it is basic to any club. If you had a photography club, you do not want members who had no idea what a camera was or how to take pictures.

Start your members out with voice recorders ...

Tape Recorders

Digital Recorders

Disc Recorders

Microcassette Recorders

Any brand and any kind of recorder will work.

They are inexpensive and easy to learn. Purchase our EVP Handbook at www.ghostweb.com/booklet.html for a step-by-step guide to recording ghost voices and how to download them to the computer where the Acoustica 4.0 software program will enable proper filtering of the EVP segment.

Any digital camera will work at capturing paranormal anomalies, and all digital cameras will always capture dust orbs so learn what they are and that they are natural.

Use a million candle power spot light to shine into the air, if you see particles floating in the beam of light, these are the orbs you capture, and they are environmental, not paranormal.

If you see orbs in the beam of light, put away your camera and turn on your voice recorder, as dust orbs have no effect on the recorder.

The EVP Handbook makes an ideal book for members to use and learn the proper techniques to recording ghost voices.

EVP recordings can be done during daylight hours so no night investigations are required so therefore they are safer and less danger of meeting someone dangerous.

We do all of our investigations during the day, none at night.

We have recorded over 5,000 ghost voices from over 1,500 field investigations during the past eighteen years as ghost researchers.

For those members who want to do ghost photography, use the Ghost Photography Handbook, www.ghostweb.com/booklet2.html for your source material and as a study guide for the members.

Plan to hold a meeting once a month and at least one investigation a month.

Places to investigate with your club members . . .

- Old cemeteries (old ones are best)
- Old battlefields
- Abandoned buildings (outside)
- School Playgrounds
- Historic Sites

The best place for an investigation is old cemeteries around your location. The more rural, the better.

The more often you go to a site, the better the chance of recording ghost voices.

However, during all investigations, show respect for the dead. Anyone who is negative should not attend these investigations.

Skeptics are not helpful and generally their presence tends to discourage ghosts to avoid the living.

We have seen ghost clubs with 200 members fail; we have seen ghost clubs who have internal fighting fail.

We have seen clubs who teach and train their members succeed.

When we had our own ghost club, we had free membership and we trained people before going on an investigation.

We had meetings at a local restaurant once a month and then followed afterwards with an investigation of a local cemetery.

Remember, ghosts are everywhere . . .