

Group Biography

The Buckeye State Paranormal and Haunting Investigators (BSPHI) is a paranormal investigation group that uses the scientific method to investigate and document paranormal activity. Our mission is to first provide free of charge, completely confidential assistance to anyone experiencing alleged paranormal activity. Secondly, the group was established to satisfy our own quest and curiosity into the paranormal. Third, we strive for the preservation and documentation of aspects of a community's history in order to further public knowledge of that history.

BSPHI is comprised of a diverse group of individuals who are as unique as the cases that they investigate. We are comprised of lawyers, authors, college professors, technology managers, blue & white collar workers, professionals, retirees and others. These individuals have entered the realms of paranormal investigations for different reasons, ranging from searching for an answer to life after death, attempting to contact a loved one that has passed, looking for validation of their own religious beliefs, personal experiences and many more.

We never refer to ourselves as experts; as there are no 'experts' in paranormal research. We describe ourselves as 'hopeful skeptics.' All of our investigations are based on the four step scientific method:

- *Observation and description of a phenomenon or group of phenomena*
- *Formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomena. In physics, the hypothesis often takes the form of a causal mechanism or a mathematical relation*
- *Use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, or to predict quantitatively the results of new observations*
- *Performance of experimental tests of the predictions by several independent experimenters and properly performed experiments*

Any evidence collected during an investigation is put through a rigorous peer review process. We pride ourselves in providing a rational explanation for 90% of the evidence that we collect. The remaining 10% falls into the category of paranormal- "above the normal." We strive to maintain the credibility of the group and the confidentiality of our clients.

It is important to mention that we do not attempt to remove a spirit from a location or to assist a spirit to 'move on.' We are paranormal investigators and our objective is to find and document alleged paranormal activity. However, at our client's request, we can make recommendations for steps that can be taken.

For more information, including contact information, please visit our web site at www.bsphi.com

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Tools of the Paranormal Investigator

It is important to note that no electronic device can detect a ghost. These tools are used in an attempt to document changes to the environment that might result from paranormal activity.

Digital Video Recorder (DVR)



This is used to record the video feed from multiple live action cameras. Our current DVR is capable of 16 cameras, 4 audio feeds and can record live video for up to 3 days. The video is then reviewed at a later date for any abnormalities.

Infrared Night Vision Camera



These cameras are attached to the DVR to allow multiple areas to be under full time monitoring even when an investigator is not in the area. The cameras have an effective night vision range of 75-150 feet and use 45-85 infrared LED's depending on which camera is being used.

Video Camera with Night Shot



A video recorder allows any phenomena occurring to be documented in its entirety. This will show the length of time, what is happening, the conditions surrounding the phenomena, and possibly even the cause of the phenomena.

Digital 35mm Camera



Most ghost pictures are being captured by digital cameras, as it gives the picture taker instant results and can be uploaded to a computer for more detailed viewing.



Digital Voice Recorders

Of all of the tools at the investigators disposal, the voice recorder captures more evidence than any other. The main use for the recorder on an investigation is to record electronic voice phenomenon (EVP) and to make person notes during and after the investigation.



Electromagnetic Field Detector

With this instrument it is possible to locate and track energy sources. It will detect fluctuations in electromagnetic fields. It is a theory that spirits disrupt this field in such a way that you can tell one is present by higher than normal readings with this meter.



Hand Held Radios

These are useful in a large outdoor areas and large buildings with groups spread out in various rooms. They could be great in emergency situations or just to rotate groups.



Thermometer or Thermal Scanner

Thermometers are instruments that is also very useful. There are two types, regular digital thermometers and infrared non contact thermometers. A rapid temperature drop of 10 degrees or more could indicate a paranormal event in



LED Flashlight

We recommend using a red LED or a blue LED flash light to help preserve your night vision. Due to paranormal activity bring spare batteries as they often run down very fast.

Paranormal Investigation Definitions

Apparition- A spectral image of a person that materializes even though a physical body is not present

Demon- An inferior deity often spoken of in religion text as all evil Discarnate- Is another word for spirit or ghost that literally means "out of body"

Earthbound- A term referring to a ghost or spirit that was unable to cross over to the other side at the time of death and is therefore stuck on earth

Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP)- A term used to describe noises and voices recorded, but, that are not usually heard by humans while recording. It is only during playback that voices are heard

Ghost- A generic term referring to a form of apparition or supernatural entity which is typically the visual appearance of a deceased human's spirit soul

Haunting- Reoccurring ghostly phenomena that returns to a location where no one is physically present.

Paranormal hunt- An informal attempt to simply observe or record paranormal activity in a location similar to others known to be haunted

Paranormal investigation- A carefully controlled scientific research project, set up to record paranormal activity, usually at a location known, or presumed to be haunted

Types of haunting:

Intelligent- May be a ghost or a demon. With an intelligent haunting the entity is aware of its surroundings, including living people who may be present. This entity may be either benevolent, benign, or malevolent. A haunting by a demon would always be considered malevolent.

Residual- Is where the entity does not seem to be cognizant of any living beings and performs the same repetitive act. It often is the reenactment of a tragic event, although it may sometimes be a very mundane act that was repeated often in life. It is generally not considered an actual ghost but some form of energy that remains in a particular location.

Benevolent- Is by a ghost that seeks to help or protect the living, sometimes from an evil spirit.

Malevolent- Is by a ghost or demon that seeks to inflict harm on the living.

Benign- Is by an entity that is either unconcerned about the living or unaware of their presence. This type may either be an intelligent or residual haunting.