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Notes post-event 2010

- What went well?
 - Activities were awesome
 - More games
 - Body parts in bowls – TELL KIDS NOT TO SQUEEZE PARTS!!
 - Face painting
 - Find the horseshoe
 - Ball toss
 - Ghost drop
 - Pin the head on the headless horseman
 - It wasn't too scary for the kids
 - Have people in the loft running around and screaming - subtle, not too scary, but keeps the vibe
 - Make sure that the people dress up
 - Start it earlier and do it longer
 - Separate days for kids and adults
 - Have silent part at the beginning = suspense
 - Cornering people by the PVC stalls in back
 - Clown costume
 - Fishing line instead of floss
 - Have a signal for when groups are coming in
 - Get more fog juice – any water-based juice. LOTS OF FOG!
 - Someone outside barn looking in through window to scare people
 - No story line
 - Break room
 - Setting up
 - Assign people their spots – don't let them pick last minute
 - Let people know in advance what they are doing for scaring and trick or treat trail
 - Put signs up at other Haunted Halls to come to Haunted Barn
 - Spider drop was awesome
- What did not go well?
 - Don't do Sundays!
 - Do it the same night as the Haunted Halls
 - People don't want to abandon their trick-or-treaters on Halloween
 - Longer kids' version – one hour isn't enough. Maybe do two days?
 - Have a signal for when people are coming in
 - Have a chainsaw/drill next time
 - Heather needs to bring her costume thing again!
 - Longer trail? How would we do it?
 - Have 45 minutes between kids' and adults' version – especially if you get pizza (not necessary if done on different days)
- Changes for next year
 - Do the same day(s) as haunted halls
 - Advertise towards kids more
 - Have a longer time for kids
 - On posters – trick or treat trail AND activities
 - Have target ages

