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Flaxman leads scouts on ghost hunt at Parker Homestead

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By both moonlight and fearless guts, local boy and girl scouts scoured Parker Homestead in search of ghosts. On Friday, April 22, Parker Homestead held a Ghost Roast to support Northeast Arkansas scouts.



Skylar Whitehurst, a 4-month scout, said he was excited about the scavenger and ghost hunt.

The night began with roasting hotdogs over a campfire and free exploration of the Parker Homestead land and buildings. Children continued to arrive as dusk settled in and the moon began to creep up the darkening sky.

After everyone had eaten, the brave children and parents gathered around the fire, where Maryann Parker, of Parker Homestead, introduced Larry Flaxman and his team of ghosthunters.

Flaxman is a highly sought after paranormal investigator. He is a best-selling author, some of which include, "11:11- The Time Prompt Phenomenon: The Meaning Behind Mysterious Signs, Sequences and Synchronicities," "The Resonance Key: Exploring the Links Between Vibration, Consciousness and the Zero Point Grid," "The Déjà vu Enigma: A Journey Through the Anomalies of Mind, Memory and Time" and "The Trinity Secret: The Power of Three and the Code of Creation."

He also has written a screenplay and is staff writer for Intrepid Magazine. Flaxman is the founder, president and senior researcher for ARPAST, the Arkansas Paranormal and Anomalous Studies Team, which is one of the nation's largest and most active paranormal research organizations.

Flaxman first asked who watched ghost-hunting shows on TV. Several hands raised enthusiastically into the air.

"The shows on TV are meant to be entertaining, so watch them with a grain of salt," said Flaxman. "A typical investigation can be boring. It can sometimes be hours before something happens."

Flaxman's team brought plenty of cool gadgets along with them for the hunt. The scouts split up into groups and the ghosthunters loaded the church and schoolhouse with an infrared camera, a voice recorder, a thermometer gun, a laser pattern generator and a K2

meter, which measures the electromagnetic field of the room. Flaxman even brought in an app, available for either an iPhone or iPad, called Ghost Radar.

"The church and the schoolhouse had the most activity when we were here last time," said Flaxman.

Once the equipment was set up inside the church and all cell phones were off, Flaxman began asking questions to entice a ghost. Soon the K2 meter was bouncing from green to yellow to red. The iPad app spit out random words, but soon some of the words began to sound like answers to questions.

"What's your favorite color?" asked a girl scout.

"White," said the voice from the iPad.

"Do you know anyone here?" asked Flaxman.

"April," said the device.

All of the scouts screamed out and a young girl hoarsely whispered that her name is April. A great ghost story was suddenly born for the scouts to share with the others attending.

According to paraexplorers.com, "Larry is known for his ability to bring highly complex scientific concepts to a mainstream audience and has become one of the most well-respected and seasoned public speakers in the fields of the paranormal, metaphysics and Noetics. His enthusiasm for education and training, and his passion for inspiring the next generation of paranormal researchers to think outside the box, has garnered many requests for special events and seminars."

The ghost hunting continued well into the night. The campfire began to fade and, those brave enough, headed to their tents to sleep in the newly found haunted grounds, sharing stories frightening enough to make even the biggest skeptic's spine quiver.

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