

# The Galveston Island Witches' Ball FAQ

## **What is the Witches' Ball?**

The Witches' Ball is a Halloween masquerade party where you can join our magical community in raising money for local charities that make an impact on Galveston Island! This year your attendance will be supporting the Galveston Island Humane Society and Artist Boat!

## **Where and when is it?**

The Witches' Ball is always held on the Saturday before Halloween. This year it falls on October 26, 2019 at the Galveston Scottish Rite Cathedral, 2128 Church Street, Galveston, Texas 77550. Doors open at 8PM and ends at 1AM.

## **How do I buy tickets?**

Tickets are sold at The Witchery, 2116 Postoffice Street in Galveston or over the phone at 409-515-0669. Tickets go on sale July 2, and cost \$85 per person for the first 100 tickets, then \$100 per person. Only 300 tickets are sold. Tickets are nonrefundable.

## **What is the dress code?**

The Witches' Ball is a masquerade party and we hope you come in costume, but if you are not so

inclined we ask that you wear cocktail attire. We endeavor to keep the Ball an upscale event so please dress appropriately. If you are not dressed appropriately you will be asked to leave. We like sexy costumes, but not sexually explicit! No nudity or sexually lewd costumes will be allowed! Please keep your costumes dry (no dripping blood, etc.) The Ballroom is accessed by a stairway. Make sure you can easily traverse the stairway in your costume!

### **How does the costume contest work?**

There are four categories for the costume contest, Best Witch, Best Couple, Most Creative and Crowd Favorite. Four secret judges will be moving through the crowd during the evening and will select the winners for the first three categories. Crowd favorite will be awarded by crowd response. To cut down on time, our judges will preselect the top ten contestants in the Crowd Favorite category. Winners will be announced at 11:30PM. To win you must be present!

### **Does the ball have a theme?**

Yes. We have a different theme every year, but it's more about the decorations than costumes. Some guests consider the theme when choosing their costume, but it's not mandatory. We want you to be what **YOU** want to be! This year's theme is Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

### **How do I win a door prize?**

Each Witches' Ball ticket is stamped with a number. Numbers will be drawn at 11pm. Have your ticket handy or know your number! You don't have to be present to win. Winners can pick up their prize later in the night or at The Witchery within 30 days.

### **Can I bring my child?**

No. This is an "adults only" event. All tickets are matched to your name on the master list when you arrive at the Ball. No one underage will be allowed in! No exceptions!

### **Can I smoke?**

The Scottish Rite Cathedral is a non-smoking facility, but you can smoke just outside the front door.

### **Do I need to bring money?**

Yes and no. Once you enter the event, everything is complimentary, including a full bar, food, photo booth and entertainment, however, you should bring enough cash to tip your bartenders (they are volunteers). We also have Witches' Ball commemorative t-shirts for sale for \$20 each. You'll have to pay with cash!

### **Some other things to remember!**

1. All of our bartenders are TABC certified. We want everyone to have a great time, but if you become too intoxicated you will be cut off!

2. There will be uniformed police officers on location throughout the night. No act of violence will be tolerated.
3. The Scottish Rite Cathedral is an historic structure and is not ADA compliant. There is no wheelchair access. We apologize for any inconvenience.
4. The Galveston Scottish Rite has been very gracious to allow us use of this beautiful building. We don't want to lose this privilege. Please be respectful at all times and place trash in the provided receptacles. If you spill a drink, or notice one, bring it to the attention of our staff.
5. We reserve the right to deny entry or remove anyone that dresses or acts inappropriately.

**If you have more questions, please call us at  
409-515-0669**