

In the Shadows PARANORMAL PROJECT

Our Mission

'In the Shadows - Paranormal Project' mission is to endeavor in assisting the living, who are experiencing severe, disturbing, or frightening activity in their lives, find peace of mind in an unbiased, logical, scientific, and professional manner. While at the same time attempt to discover the truth behind the event, in order to provide closure for all those affected; living or dead.

Our Vision

In the Shadows Paranormal Project group of paranormal teams and investigators, specializing in the investigation and of paranormal phenomenon, our vision is to professionally collect information, research, and analyze available evidence regarding the phenomenon experienced by the living, and attempt to locate a cause and solution. Each member of In the Shadows is internally trained by the In the Shadows Paranormal Project, and adheres to its methodology and philosophy regarding situation deemed as paranormal phenomenon. We further affirm that we are dedicated a continued study of the paranormal, by attempting to help our clients develop a better understanding behind what they are experiencing within their live, to the best of our knowledge.

Our Approach

Our approach to paranormal investigation relies on process discipline as we endeavor to attain a better understanding of the events associated with paranormal phenomenon. Our processes and procedures are designed to discover why people's lives are being disrupted; and use a scientific approach and mythology to research, investigation, and documentation. Our intent is to share that knowledge with our clients and colleagues as we explore to understand. But more importantly, we realize the need to do no harm in our respect to the 'human condition.' Our intent is to lend comfort and hopefully answers to those affected by paranormal occurrences and assist them in dealing with it appropriately.

An Investigator's Prayer

"In the power of positive energy we cloak ourselves as a collective. With this shield we pray to befriend any benevolent spirit or entities that wish to communicate with us, and ask they help protect us from negative or malevolent forces intent on doing us harm; for we only venture into the unknown realm of the paranormal to discover truth and mean you no harm."

Team Motto

"The truth will always be the truth, and the truth will be in the evidence."

Team Rules

Once you are deemed a member of 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Project' we expect all members to abide by a few simple rules. If you feel that you cannot abide by these rules, then you might consider thinking of joining another group, as violating any of them could result in suspension or expulsion from the paranormal research team.

1. Each member is expected to act in a professional manner at all times as a representative of the 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Research' team, wearing the team logo or badge when present at any meeting or investigation. As well as carry the appropriate identification to verify your identity to our clients or to the authorities.
2. Mutual respect will be given to all clients and team members (including personal and real property, public or private, including the personal feelings of each individual). You will agree to avoid putting yourself or others in dangerous situations, which includes horseplay, illegal activities (which includes the illegal use of drugs or alcohol when conducting an official investigation), respect all posted signs (such as 'NO TRESSPASSING'), refrain from, or only smoke in, designated areas during any

investigation, not wearing perfume and cologne during an investigation, and by abiding by all state and local laws.

3. Anyone found being dishonest while representing the In the Shadows Team will be disbarred from the team. People requesting our assistance do not want thrill seekers in their home hoping to experience a haunting at their expense. They expect professionals that are honest, dedicated, and take pride in doing what they do. As we are usually their only hope when seeking assistance while living in a situation where paranormal activity is interfering with their lives and they are seeking a solution.
4. We are all volunteers, and no one is being forced to do anything within our group, and not everyone is suited for all phases of a paranormal research project. However, anyone doing reconnaissance (spying) for another research group will be considered untruthful and will be expelled from the group. We have partnerships with other groups and information is being shared when properly requested, however any attempt at espionage will NOT be tolerated.
5. Any falsification of, or tampering with evidence gathered by any member or members of the group, in order to "debunk" or otherwise prove a purported paranormal study will not be tolerated and will be cause for termination from the group. If it can be proved to be unintentional, a warning may be given, but no mercy will be given for a second occurrence, intentional or otherwise. This is necessary to make sure that the credibility of the team, and the research data, remains intact.
6. Under NO circumstances will any member of In the Shadows Paranormal Project be allowed to contact the media for ANY reason, as many clients are not seeking, nor do they want the notoriety & publicity. We are not doing this research because we crave media attention. We are doing this because there are real people out there that feel violated or threatened by what they perceive to be a paranormal occurrence and have sought out professional help from a team that can hopefully provide answers.
7. Paranormal investigation is a serious matter, and anyone not taking it seriously, or following these simple rules will be asked to leave. Any 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Project' team member(s) conducting investigations on their own, or without proper authorization and approval, are NOT allowed to represent themselves as a member of 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Project.' Nor will the team be held liable or responsible for their indiscretion, or behavior. This is not a game, we are NOT thrill seekers, or social group for the benefit of entertaining each other with ghost stories and experiences, we are investigators, looking for facts, and reporting our findings...hopefully helping others in the process.
8. Before all investigations, all team members involved in the investigation, including any observers, will be required to sign to have signed two legal documents; the 'Assumption of Risk' document & the 'Confidentiality Agreement.' The case manager will be responsible to verify that these forms have been submitted and properly filed before allowing anyone into a case study. Anyone who has not signed these forms will not be allowed to participate in any investigation. NO exceptions.

Team Pledge

- 1) I will not hold 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Project' or its members, guests or private property owners liable for any injury (physical or mental) to myself while I am participating in any paranormal investigation as member, at a meeting, or any other In the Shadows Paranormal Project activity.
- 2) My general health is good and I am not aware of any physical or mental impairment that would prevent my participation in any of the In the Shadows Paranormal Project activities. I assume full responsibility for my own welfare and safety while participating in same.
- 3) I agree to respect the confidentiality of other members of the In the Shadows Paranormal Project team members, private residences, property owners and any locations visited or discussed by the In the Shadows – Paranormal Project, and will not give out any information, including locations or details of investigations, to anyone outside of the In the Shadows Paranormal Project without permission of the In the

Shadows Paranormal Project Leadership and the involved individuals or cases pertaining to of our paranormal investigations.

- 4) I will show total respect for any site visited during an investigation, and I understand that littering or the destruction of the property is an act of vandalism and will be grounds for termination of membership, which may also result in being reported to the authorities.
- 5) I will not falsify ANY evidence, including photos, videos, information, data, etc. and I understand that seeking the truth is vital to the mission and purpose of the In the Shadows Paranormal Project and will be honest and forthright at all times.
- 6) I will not make contact with any form of the media (i.e., interviews, giving information, pictures, etc.) and understand that it is strictly prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the In the Shadows Paranormal Project management team and I have been instructed to do so. I further agree that any questions from the media, client, witnesses, police or others that may arise while on an on-site paranormal investigation, will be directed to the In the Shadows Paranormal Project investigation team assigned that case.
- 7) I understand that the case lead is to make all decisions concerning the investigation for which I have been assigned, open or closed, and will follow their instructions. And understand that this is for my own safety and for the reputation of the team. Failure to follow such direction for the In the Shadows Paranormal Project policies will be grounds for termination of my membership; and I agree to return all equipment (including identification) belonging to In the Shadows Paranormal Project and Team Identification without question should that happen.
- 8) All investigations must be performed in a courteous and professional manner and all procedures followed.
- 9) I agree to respect the dignity and rights of other In the Shadows Paranormal Project members and officers, and their clients, even if I am not in agreement with their ideas or opinions, and will conduct myself at all times in a mature and adult manner. There will be no toleration of obscene, foul, or abusive language in any In the Shadows Paranormal Project activity.
- 10) I agree that there is to be NO use of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances on any investigation whatsoever. I will notify the team leader of any prescription medications that could in anyway impact or impair my safety and effectiveness while on an investigation.
- 11) There will be absolutely NO tolerance of firearms or weapons of any kind of in an 'In the Shadows – Paranormal Project' investigation.

We are all here because we want to be, and that there are many people out there with the same or similar interests as our own, but not necessarily the same motivations and discipline. If you are looking for a group to join, in order to learn about paranormal activity, and be part of a reputable and cohesive team of investigators, we are sure you would want that team to be a credible and serious group to associate yourself with. We pride ourselves on being an honest group of people who focus on learning, documenting and sharing knowledge and experience.

Within our group we would like to consider ourselves a member of a unique family and trusting each other is the glue that holds it together, and makes us a tighter, more closely-knit team. This is simple, let's say you are doing an investigation and you have your team of investigators (no less than 2) doing a sweep, and they come back to the group, with activity they have witnessed. If you can not trust them to be honest with what they have witnessed, what is the point of being on our team? It is that simple. We must trust each and every member of the In the Shadows Paranormal Project Team.

When a member comes to the group with an experience, we should believe them. We then as a team will go back to the area of the activity and try and decide together as a team whether it may have been something explainable that caused the activity, or paranormal event...that is NOT 'disbelieving' what the member experienced, it's just good investigating practice.

We work as a TEAM. We will each have specific titles that each member will be assigned which is based on the experience we bring to the group. For example, the title of Lead Investigator is NOT to be the "boss" of an investigation, as we try to refrain from hierarchies, but simply the person responsible to coordinate the investigation for the team, handle problems, assignments, equipment, data gathering, documentation, local authorities, or making 'a call' on behalf of the team or any of its members.

A Technical Manager on the other hand will help us ALL understand the aspects of the equipment we use and will assist in training us on it. Even to the point of possibly building certain pieces of equipment for the team, because they have an aptitude for that, but when we go to a site, we ALL set up and tear down the equipment. Each and every team member should know how to use all of the equipment and share this responsibility.

Periodically we will be establishing and changing protocol and processes for case investigations and how data reviews should be conducted; whether dictated by the leadership, or deciding as a team 'what works for us.' This keeps our investigations consistent and professional. Training will be done at least once a month during the monthly business meeting, on such subjects as protocol and processes. This will allow us to easily validate whether something we discover is either paranormal or not, in the data we collect. We have specific records and forms that we will use when we gather data at a site, keeping our investigations both consistent and professional.

Membership

Membership to the 'In the Shadows Paranormal Project is entirely discretionary. All members must agree to meet the high standards of the project as set forth in our rules, policies, and by-laws. Members are asked to participate in training, as well as a reasonable number of excursions, as well as attend our monthly meetings on a regular basis. Membership is subject to an approval process, and is conditional for a probationary period of up to six months, beginning on the date of acceptance. All members are required to participate in and successfully complete the 'ITSP Internal Paranormal Certification' program within the first 6 months of being accepted into the group and only after completing and passing the 'internal' exam will you be allowed to participate on 'official' case investigations for In the Shadows Paranormal Project.

Membership is open to all persons who are over the age of 18, regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, orientation, or sex, and are dedicated to and committed to the scientific, logical, and unbiased investigation of paranormal phenomena.

We are always seeking members who meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 18.
- Drug free.
- No criminal record.
- Willing to dedicate a small, reasonable amount of time to any part of an investigation, including research, and attend meetings on a regular basis.
- Is available year-round.
- May or may not be experienced an experience paranormal investigator, but have a willingness to learn and become certified. We all come from various fields (psychology, law enforcement, A/V, computers, private investigation, etc.) and backgrounds, and must be willing to undergo an extensive paranormal training program.
- Is within a reasonable driving distance of the Denver-Metro area and surrounding communities and can provide their own transportation.
- Has a GENUINE and SERIOUS interest in the science of paranormal research.

If you would like to be considered for membership, and you meet the above criteria, please feel free to fill out this form below. By signing the application you also agree to accept the 'Rules & Pledge' as outlined above.

In the Shadows Paranormal Project is a DRUG-FREE, non-profit, non-discriminatory scientific research organization comprised of dedicated volunteers who seek the truth, want to help others, and promote awareness of paranormal activity.

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Membership Application

(Please note: all portions are required to be complete and are strictly confidential.)

Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Email Address			
In case of Emergency please contact:			
Last Name		First Name	
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
What is your preferred method of contact (email, phone, etc.)? And what is it?			
When is the best time to contact you?			
Occupation? Can you be contacted at work?			
Do you have reliable transportation?			
Are you currently affiliated with another research group? And if so, which one(s)?			
How did you find out about In the Shadows?			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?			
Do you agree to attend at least 50% of the scheduled meetings?			
Do you agree to be respectful of an Investigation site?			
Do you agree to be respectful of other members, investigators, and clients without regard to religion, race, sex, national origin, orientation, or social status?			
Do you agree to follow the direction of the leadership?			
Do you agree to share ALL evidence collected on an investigation with the In the Shadows – Paranormal Project Team?			
Do you agree that any data and documentation gathered by the In the Shadows – Paranormal Project Team is the property of thereof, and agree NOT to publish any evidence or work you collect or have access to within our database without written prior consent?			
Do you agree to act safely and with caution on all investigations and respect the safety of the client and others?			
Do you agree to abide all laws of the City, County, State, and Country of which these investigations are held?			
Does In the Shadows Paranormal Project have your permission to publish your photograph when it relates to work done within the team whether on the web, or in publications?			

Do you agree to abide by all the rules set forth in the section of this application entitled 'RULES' above?
When accepted as an In the Shadows researcher do you agree to abide by the section entitled 'Team Pledge' above?
*I have completely examined everything listed herein and agree that all questions above have been answered to the best of my knowledge and completely understood everything listed in the application process?
List of any equipment you may already own?
Any other Questions or Comments to the Group that you would like to make?

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name as signed in Signature _____

Please do not write in this box:



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