

# Tour Spotlight

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## Spirits, Shadows and Stories - Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg Candlelight Ghost Tours

It begins with an unanswerable question. When our time in this world comes to an end, do our souls depart as well or do they continue to roam familiar places from a realm just beyond the mortal grasp? Non-believers in the spiritual realm are quick to dismiss ghostly encounters as fiction or the workings of an overactive imagination, but there are those who have experienced this other world first-hand and are eager to share their tales with those who possess an open mind and a desire to be entertained.

Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg Candlelight Ghost Tours is one such company where groups interested in the beyond are given an opportunity to walk in the steps of those who have gone before while being regaled with the stories of these fascinating characters from a time long past. Sleepy Hollow is located in historic downtown Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, a town with a wealth of history, tragedy and culture that provides the proper backdrop for ghostly tales. From the Civil War battle soldiers to former townspeople, the Sleepy Hollow guides dressed in period costumes, blend tales and legends with bits of human interest and educational fact, making the walks an entertaining as well as educational experience for people of all ages.

Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg Candlelight Ghost Tours is currently in their eighth season of interactive storytelling. The material imparted to guests is unscripted and creative, allowing for multiple visits without feeling as if you are hearing the same stories over again. The storytellers of Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg Candlelight Ghost Tours have more than 50 years of combined experience in this timeless performance genre and have enthralled thousands of guests. The walking tours have also received mention in the books, *Spirits of the Civil War*, *Discovery Travels Haunted Holidays* and *Ghosts and Haunts of the Civil War*. They have also been featured on the Food Network's "Extreme Cuisine."

Owner and operator, Cindy Codori Shultz, a resident of historic Gettysburg, has her own historical significance to the area as a sixth-generation granddaughter of Nicholas Codori of the local Codori Farm, the site of Pickett's Charge during the definitive Gettysburg battle. Codori Shultz started Sleepy Hollow more than seven years ago and is the company hostess.

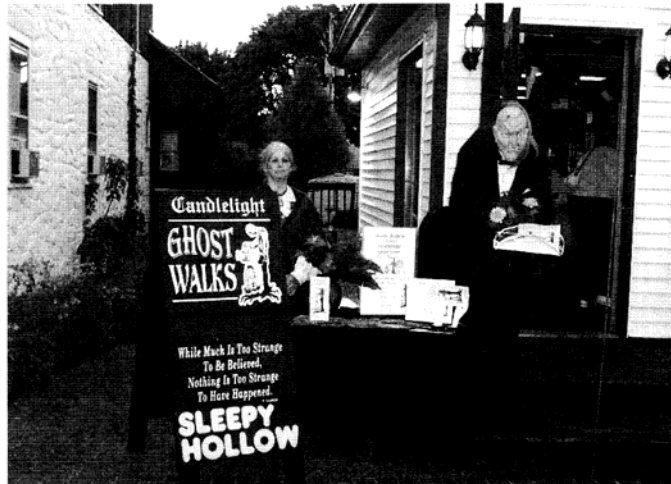
Tours depart nightly, and times may vary. Interested groups are urged to phone the company for correct start times. Tickets are \$6 per person, and children seven and under are admitted at no cost. Individuals

who require wheelchairs are invited to join the tour as guests of Sleepy Hollow for no charge as well. Tickets go on sale one hour prior to the commencement of the walk, and guests are encouraged to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start time. The walks last approximately one hour.

The current departure point for a Sleepy Hollow tour is from the Great T-shirt Company at 65 Steinhilber Avenue, two blocks from the historic Dobbin House restaurant. Walks are in a three-to-five block radius, rain or shine, and groups of any size are easily accommodated. Groups wanting a private tour with guides to themselves are asked to make arrangements in advance. The price will vary according to size.

Motorcoach groups can load/unload on Lefever Street, near Alumni Park. Parking is available at the Gettysburg Tour Center, located at 778 Baltimore Street near the Sleepy Hollow start point. The large parking lot is located to the left of the center. Phone (717) 334-6296 for additional information. Parking is also available in the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center bus parking lot located at 97 Taneytown Road. Phone (717) 334-1124, Ext. 431 for more information.

According to Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg, "The only limitation on our tours is that of your own imagination." Walk with their knowledgeable guides and let the spirits of the town captivate you. Your group may come home with their own first-hand encounters to share. If planning a tour to Gettysburg, this is one stop that would be a tragic loss if missed. Phone Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg Candlelight Ghost Tours at (717) 337-9322 for additional information or visit [www.sleepyhollowofgettysburg.com](http://www.sleepyhollowofgettysburg.com). □



Owner Cindy Codori Shultz, pictured above, is a blast from the past in period dress as she awaits the next group ready to experience an enjoyable Sleepy Hollow of Gettysburg candlelight ghost walk.

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