NEVER FEAR, THE RIDER NEWS IS HERE WITH SOME LAST MINUTE COSTUME IDEAS!

**COWBOY**: If you can get the hat, the rest is a cinch.

**BUM**: The ever popular sneaky way to wear grungy clothes and still be in costume.

**VAMPIRE**: Invest in 50 cent pointed teeth and you're all set.

**JASON**: All you need is the mask.

**A PRINCE OR PRINCESS**: Guys, wear your finest clothes, preferably a tux; Girls, break out that prom dress.

**HIPPIE**: Braids and bellbottoms.

**A TRUE CLASSIC**: A white sheet and scissors. How's that for simplicity?

**HIPPIE**: A one time experience, not something I'd want to revisit. I like my feet properly planted on the ground and the skin on my hand just where it is. Next time, I'll just stick to the haunted hayrides, thank you.

**GUARD**

The prison was empty and there was no one inside. There were no sounds of security whistles and prison keys. Suddenly, a sign came on the screen that directed us to the exit. The last time we were at the prison, we were told to follow the signs to the exit. But this time, the sign was saying the opposite. I thought the person in the sign was just being difficult. But then I realized that the sign was a gag. I was not amused, but somehow I don't quite think the screaming was necessary.

Once inside, the prison was definitely scary. First, there was the chainsaw guys and the prisoners in orange suits who hit barrels with sticks. They had blood and scars on their faces. Then there were the naked nurses and doctors coming out of trap doors shouting all sorts of things at you. My biggest scare was the electrocution chair where I thought the person in it was a dummy. Of course, I was wrong, and three seconds later, the person jumped out at me. Besides the actors, there were all sorts of sounds like security whistles and ghost noises. There were also fake guns that made gun shot noises and blew air at my feet. I may be a little over the top scared, just make sure you wear thick socks, a winter coat, gloves, and sneakers. For little kids or people who get scared easily, there's just something not quite right about this place. I would definitely not recommend revisiting the haunted prison to people who are claustrophobic. It's very cramped in there and people who you don't even know will grab onto you. And I think it goes without saying, the prison is not for little kids or people who get scared easily.

If you're one who likes getting scared, just make sure you wear thick socks, a winter coat, gloves, and sneakers. Definitely do not, under any circumstances, wear pointed toe boots like one girl I saw. Sneakers are basically your savior. If it weren't for my sneakers, I don't know what horrors would have become of me in there. I tripped over the pipes and bumps on the ground and got shoved into the plywood walls numerous times. I scraped the skin off my hand against one of the sides of the wall and twisted my ankle twice. The wall and I got a little too acquainted, and I'm definitely not going to have a voice tomorrow. Who knows if that poor toe boot girl even made it out of there alive?

The school trip was sponsored by BLC managers, but unfortunately, Rider's last trip to the prison was Tuesday. However, if bloody prisoners with chainsaws chasing you and slamming yourself into walls is something you're into, you can still purchase tickets at TicketMaster.com. The prison stays open until Nov. 2.

My last words of wisdom are be prepared to be scared. Walking through something scary is a lot more frightening than sitting down on a ride and being pulled through danger at a steady pace. Fun times, but for me, it was just a one time experience, not something I'd want to revisit. I like my feet properly planted on the ground and the skin on my hand just where it is. Next time, I'll just stick to the haunted hayrides, thank you.