Saint Anne's Retreat Legend Trip

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“The Nunnery”

Supernatural Non-Religious Legend/Legend Tripping

Informant:

Jackson Bean. White 23 years old male. Lived the majority of my life in Utah. Spent 4 semesters at USU. Currently attending the University of Utah studying film.

Context:

Jackson is a someone shy person, and unless he is familiar with the group that he is with he tends to be more quiet than if he were around people he was comfortable with. He usually would not be one to bring up the story, however if it is brought up then he doesn’t hesitate to add his story. As you will see with his tale, he is a concise story teller and doesn’t give copious amounts of detail.

Text:

Every student that goes to USU hears the story of the Nunnery. How its haunted by the spirits of babies that were drowned in the swimming pool. In our junior year we took a big group of younger kids out to the Nunnery. Probably 3 or 4 cars full of us. It took us a little while of driving through the canyon to find the right spot. During that time we saw an old rusty truck parked in some bushes. But when we drove past it again it was mysteriously gone. When we were about to go onto the actual Nunnery site most of the people chickened out and stayed behind. Only 4 or 5 of us actually went up to take a look. We looked into the pool, check out some of the buildings, and then left. It was all over pretty quickly.
As you can tell, Jackson is a man of few words. He would never be one to bring up the subject of the legend of Saint Anne’s Retreat, in fact he didn’t even know that it was called Saint Anne’s, as it has always been referred to as “The Nunnery” whenever he has heard about it. He wouldn’t be the main story teller either, rather Jackson plays the role of “detail adder” in that if someone was telling the story and couldn’t recall a detail then Jackson would jump in and provide said detail. He is a skeptical person by nature and mostly joined the trip to play the role of the cynic rather than to experience the actual legend. This particular trip is highlighting the second time that Jackson experienced the nunnery, which seemed to increase his cynicism.