



Pumpkin Race 500

At the Canton Park District's Fall Fest

What's a Pumpkin Race?

A fun-spirited event like no other! The highlight of the Great Pumpkin Race is a unique, side-by-side race featuring handcrafted, decorated Pumpkin Racers in a funky, hilarious, suspenseful, and dramatic display of American ingenuity. Excitement builds as Pumpkin Racer contestants battle head-to-head for the Pumpkin Race 500 Championship Trophy. We also award a prize for Best Decorated.

What's a Pumpkin Racer?

The Official Rules state in part that a Pumpkin Racer must be made from one pumpkin or fall gourd with independent axles and wheels attached. Pumpkin Racers come in all different shapes, sizes and speeds. Some are elaborately decorated and ready to race. Others appear as if they can't make it down the race track at all. A well-crafted Pumpkin Racer can easily cross the finish line first, or it can catch an unfortunate break and come up short. One never knows. Despite their different appearances, all Pumpkin Racers are given an equal opportunity to participate and advance toward victory.

Who, What, When?

The Pumpkin Race 500 is for youth and adults. Pumpkin cars may be built by individuals or groups – a family, a club, a troop, a class etc. Due to limited space, only 1 Pumpkin Racer entry per person. Children under 16 should be assisted and registered by an adult.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: 10 & Under, 11 & up, and Adult 18+

The derby will be held in Canton at Big Creek Park near the fire pit, with racers starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th. Contestants should check in between 3:00 and 3:30 pm at the Pumpkin Derby Information Table. Pumpkin racers must be fully assembled and ready to race at check-in.

REGISTRATION:

Registration link is available online at the Canton Park District website (www.cantonpark.org) or on Race Day at the Pumpkin Race Information Table– FREE. All entrants must check in on race day at the Pumpkin Race Information Table no later than 3:30 pm with your completed Pumpkin Racer. Be sure to give your Pumpkin Racer a creative Title/Name.

DECORATION & DESIGN JUDGING:

Pumpkin Racers competing for the Best Decoration and Design category will be displayed prior to the race from 3:00 – 4:00 pm to be judged based on design, detail, creativity, and originality. Pumpkin Racers must be made from 1 pumpkin or fall gourd.



Official Pumpkin Race Rules



The Official Pumpkin Race Rules have been established to promote fair play and inspire good old fashioned American Ingenuity. All Pumpkin Racers must design and race their Pumpkin Races according to these few important rules to ensure that the Pumpkin Race is fun and fair for everyone.

- ✓ **RULE #1** Craft your Pumpkin Race Car using a single REAL pumpkin.
- ✓ **RULE #2** Insert two independent axels through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axels. Spice up your racer with style.
- ✓ **RULE #3** You may not attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka truck, etc.)
- ✓ **RULE #4** NO EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS.
- ✓ **RULE #5** No pushing or "helping" your Pumpkin Racer on the starting line. Our Race Officials do not want to see - the last-minute shove, the hidden thumb flick, the early release, the remote-control chassis, etc. *See Rule #6.*
- ✓ **RULE #6** NO CHEATING. Feel great about being honest and fair. Don't be tempted to be a Cheater Pumpkin. Use the honor system and obey the spirit of these rules. Our Race Officials will have a keen eye to bring a Cheater Pumpkin down.

