2021 Pumpkin Festival

H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens

Friday, October 15
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Jack-o’-Lantern Display, Food Vendors
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Live Music

Saturday, October 16
3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Food Vendors
3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Live Music and Entertainment
3:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Activities and Crafts
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Jack-o’-Lantern Display

Enter the Jack-o’-Lantern Contest!

Pumpkin Giveaway:
1,000 pumpkins will be given away to contest entrants
Sunday, October 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Jack-o’-Lantern Drop-Off:
Friday, October 15, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Read contest rules on reverse side.

Special thanks to the Vargo family for making this event possible.

The Arboretum at Penn State
Corner of Park Ave. and Bigler Rd.
University Park, PA 16802
arboretum.psu.edu

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**2021 Jack-o’-Lantern Contest**

1,000 pumpkins will be given away to contest entrants on Sunday, October 10

Can’t make it to the giveaway? Carve your own pumpkin to enter in the contest!

**Entry Categories**
- Age 2–4 / Age 5–7 / Age 8–10 / Age 11–13 / Age 14–17 / Penn State Student / Adult

**Contest Rules**
1. Each participant is allowed one entry.
2. Each pumpkin must have a hole (minimum 4 inches diameter) carved in the bottom of the pumpkin so that the Arboretum can place it on top of a light. Participants may not supply their own lighting devices.
3. Children in Age 2–4 and 5–7 categories may enter decorated (e.g., paint, markers, pom-poms, etc.), uncarved pumpkins. Pumpkins in all other age categories MUST be carved, but they may also be decorated.

**Award Ribbons**
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in all seven age categories, plus:
- Best in Show
- Best Arboretum Theme
- Best Penn State Theme
- Best Pop Culture Theme

**Jack-o’-Lantern and Ribbon Pick-Up**
**Sunday, October 17**
10:00 a.m. to noon
Arboretum Event Lawn

Unclaimed pumpkins will be composted at noon.

Drop off your jack-o’-lantern on Friday, October 15, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

All contest participants will be entered in a drawing for an Arboretum gift bag!