



The Amazing Pumpkin Carve 2022 Carver Rules and Event Details

Thank you for your interest in carving at the eighth annual Amazing Pumpkin Carve. The Hopewell Valley Arts Council is looking for imaginative and truly AMAZING pumpkins. We encourage you to think outside of the traditional pumpkin-carving box!

Please read this document prior to registering to understand the level of commitment required.

Changes from last year:

- ✓ The event will be held as a hybrid event with “walk around” pumpkin viewing on Wednesday and Thursday; and “drive-thru” viewing only on Friday, Saturday + Sunday.
- ✓ Max team size is three carvers.
- ✓ Pre-packaged snacks and beverages will be available all day for the Carvers. Wrapped sandwiches will be available at lunchtime. It’s a long day, so feel free to come and go to take a break. Carvers are welcome to pack their own lunches and morning coffee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Registration Deadline:** **Friday, Sept 23, 2022** - Spaces limited so register early!
- **Acceptance Email sent:** **Sunday, Sept 25, 2022**
- **Carving Day:** **Wed, Oct 12, 2022 between 9:30 am + 6:30 pm**

Your carving area **MUST** be cleaned up no later than 6:30pm. Additional tweaking to lighting adjustments **MUST** be completed by 6:45pm SHARP. The public will be able to view the pumpkins beginning at 7pm. Although not required, you are encouraged to stay with your pumpkin on Wednesday and/or Thursday for a bit to answer any questions that viewers may have.

- **Posting of Judging Results:** **Thursday, Oct 13**
- **Lighting pickup at Woolsey Park:** **Monday, Oct 11** or by special arrangement.

Please do not remove your lighting before the the end of public viewing hours on Sunday.

Teams + Honorariums

1. An individual or a team of up to three Carvers are permitted to carve a pumpkin. Carvers between the ages of 12 and 18 must be on a team with a parent or guardian.
2. Once the maximum number of carvers has been selected for the event, additional carvers will be put on a waiting list. If a carver has not started by 2pm on Carving Day, their pumpkin will be forfeited and reassigned to a carver from the waiting list.
3. Upon satisfactory completion of a pumpkin, Carvers will receive \$150 per Carver or Carving Team. Each carver on a team will also receive one complimentary car pass for use any day the event is open.

Logistics

4. The Carve will take place at Woolsey Park located at 221 Washington Crossing Pennington Road in Titusville, NJ. 08560.
5. The event will be held rain or shine, unless the weather is declared unsafe. Weather-related closures will be made on a day-by-day basis and announced through the Hopewell Valley Arts Council website.
6. Carvers must check-in upon arrival to be directed to their tent. Be sure to leave ample time to complete your design.
7. Pumpkins will be pre-positioned on haybales under 10x10 tents provided by the HV Arts Council for each carver. **Tents, pumpkins and hay bales may not be moved.** Pumpkins MAY be spun around or propped-up for enhanced viewing and ease of carving. Some bricks and rocks will be available to use as props. Carvers may also bring their own material for propping.
8. Upon arrival, Carvers will be directed to a parking area RELATIVELY close to their assigned tent. Please be prepared to transport all necessary tools from your car in some way. There will be one wagon available and a golf-cart, but you may need to wait while it is in use.

9. *IMPORTANT:* A chair and a blanket to sit on while carving is highly recommended. Bug spray might be useful. Trash containers and buckets are provided to facilitate cleanup. You are responsible for cleaning up your own area.
10. No pets or alcoholic beverages are permitted. Alcohol and carving don't really mix well.

Pumpkin Designs

11. When coming up with your design, please keep in mind that with the event be a drive-thru on several days, so the pumpkins will be viewed from approximately 8-10 feet away with viewing hours primarily in the evening - so lighting is very important!
12. Your assigned 10 x 10 tent can be decorated in anyway or just left plain to feature your amazingly carved pumpkin. It's up to you. Keep in mind the pumpkins must remain on the hay bales, centered in the middle of the tent. Nothing of any significant weight can be attached to the pop-up tent structure. It can get windy on the field, so please take that into consideration.
13. Completed pumpkin designs MAY be enhanced with man-made materials and components. Natural material such as smaller pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks or sticks may also be used. Components, other than the main pumpkin, CAN BE pre-carved or painted in advance.
14. Pumpkin designs may extend around the hay bales to the ground. Designs may also extend ABOVE the top of the pumpkin. Safety is of utmost importance. Please ensure that your pumpkin is constructed securely to last for the whole event, with some wind.
15. Designs must be original work and not infringe upon the copyright or any intellectual property rights of others. Websites like "Pinterest" may be used for inspiration, but specific designs may not be copied. The use of stencils is permitted, but commercially-available pumpkin kits are strongly discouraged.
16. Carvers must keep in mind that the audience will be broad-based and of all ages, so designs must be appropriate for public display. **Designs that are religious, political or sexual in nature are not permitted.** Corporate logos or advertisements, other than logos of participating non-profit organizations, are not permitted. Carved pumpkins that do not conform to these guidelines will not be displayed. If you are uncertain about your design's conformity, please contact us.

Lighting + Access to Electricity

17. You are encouraged to think creatively about light and motion. Low volume sound is permitted, as long as it does not interfere with the enjoyment of other pumpkins around you.

18. **IMPORTANT: Each carver will have access to one electrical plug with 100 watts of electricity in their tent. Battery or candle lighting is NOT permitted. Carvers are required to bring their own OUTDOOR GRADE LIGHTING AND EXTENSION CORDS. Due to moisture build-up, outdoor grade lighting is imperative to keep from tripping the generator for the entire event. Consider using compact florescent or LED lights to maximize the wattage. Please put your name on your lighting system or other display items so they can be returned to you at the close of the event.**

19. Cordless power tools may be used. Plug-in power tools typically exceed 100 watts and will overwhelm our generator. Cordless power tools may be re-charged at the designated charging station.

Miscellaneous

20. Use of products/treatments to extend the life of your carved pumpkin is encouraged. Carvers may come to the grounds ONE HOUR prior to public hours to check on their pumpkin. Carvers may be asked to make minor repairs to their pumpkin, if needed.

21. A panel of judges selected by the HV Arts Council will selectng outstanding pumpkins in a variety of categories. Winners will receive a non-monetary award remembrance.

22. Carvers give full permission for the Hopewell Valley Arts Council to use images of their pumpkins and day-of-event carving photos in promotional materials.

Please contact us at info@hvartscouncil.org if you have any questions. Thank you!