

The Great Utica Pumpkin Carve

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club

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October 6 - 8, 2016

Dear Pumpkin Carver:

The Great Utica Pumpkin Carve is scheduled for **Thursday, October 6th** – Saturday, October 10th, rain or shine. Actual carving will take place on Thursday, October 8th. We're looking for your participation!

Prizes are to be awarded for the indicated categories included with this letter. There will also be a **People's Choice Award**. Visitors to the Carve will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorite pumpkin during the event, with the winner being announced on Saturday night October 8th.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING RULES CAREFULLY. To qualify for the award categories, the participating pumpkin and carver **must comply** with the contest's general **guidelines** as follows:

1. **Mail in this form! Pumpkins** are **assigned** on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Numbers are assigned and no changes are allowed. **WE PROVIDE THE PUMPKINS!**
2. **Carver check-in** is on Thursday, October 8th and begins at **4:00 p.m.** - not any earlier.
3. The pumpkin patch will not open up to carvers **UNTIL 4:30 p.m.** **You CANNOT enter the pumpkin patch earlier than 4:30 p.m.**
4. **BRING YOUR OWN CANDLES, if you need them.** The OLOL Men's Club will replenish candles for the second and third days, but it is your responsibility to illuminate your pumpkin the first night for judging consideration.
5. Carving **MUST** be completed by 8 p.m. on Thursday night to be eligible for judging. Winners will be posted on the OLOL website on Friday by 12:00 noon.
6. **NO VEHICLES IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH.** Please be prepared to transport all necessary tools from the parking lot some other way – BRING A WHEELBARROW, WAGON OR some other non-mechanized form of transport. We do have local Boy Scouts available to help carry tools if needed.
7. Carving Teams can be from 1 – 4 people. **Four is the maximum per pumpkin, NO EXCEPTIONS.** The pumpkins can weigh up to 200 pounds!
8. **Carvers' ages 14 – 16 years old MUST** be accompanied by an adult.
9. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are permitted.
10. **NO DOGS ALLOWED** in the pumpkin patch. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
11. **ELECTRIFICATION** in the final presentation in any way disqualifies you from the awards (besides People's Choice). Dremel tools are allowed for carving.
12. The use of any additional materials as design elements, items other than the assigned pumpkin or its natural components (seeds, "guts" and the pumpkin itself) will make the pumpkin only eligible for the **People's Choice Award** and ineligible for all of the other awards.
13. If you want to take your carved pumpkin home **AFTER** the 3-day event, you will need to make arrangements at carving check-in. These arrangements will involve you coming at the end of the event **Saturday, October 8th, 7:00p.m..**

Please remember your registration must be received in the office by Friday, **September 30th**, at noon - the sooner, the better. See you on the 6th of October!

Sincerely,

The Great Utica Pumpkin Carve Committee

Prize Categories:

A panel of judges will determine the Winners and Honorable Mentions in the following categories: Best Overall, Most Halloween, Best Use of Pumpkin and Best Student Entry.

Best Overall - A clean carving with a high degree of detail using a combination of most skillfully carved, artistry in design & best use of pumpkin shape & size – Best carving skills.

Most Halloween - Includes all traditional Halloween-themed designs: jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, goblins, witches etc.

Best Use of Pumpkin - Pumpkins that have been ***carved*** to their fullest. Qualifying pumpkins will be judged for original size and shape incorporated into the final design. *Note:* Using pumpkin pieces changes the shape of the pumpkin!

Best Student Entry – same criteria as Best Overall.

Best Corporate Entry – same criteria as Best Overall

People's Choice (spectators vote)

GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE 2016 – CARVER SIGN-UP *Please print neatly!*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Age (if under 17): _____

Parent that will accompany carver, if under 17: _____

Parent Signature (if under 17): _____

_____ Yes, I will be carving!

_____ Yes, I will need electricity for my Dremel Tools.

Additional Carvers / Helpers (up to 3):

Return to Our Lady of Lourdes Business Office by Friday, September 30th

Attn: Pumpkin Carve, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes, 2 Barton Avenue, Utica, NY 13502

If registering after September 30th , please register by phone at 315-749-5122.