**Jack-o’-Lantern Contest**

Pumpkins will be supplied by the Arboretum to participants free of charge, while supply lasts. Participants may also provide their own pumpkins for submission in the contest. *This is a family event, and the Arboretum may exclude from exhibition any carved pumpkins not suitable for family audiences.*

**Entry Categories**

Pumpkins must be entered in one of the following categories:
- Age 2-4
- Age 5-7
- Age 8-10
- Age 11-13
- Age 14-17
- Penn State Student
- Adult

Carved pumpkins entered in the contest will be labeled with a tag including the participant’s full name, entry number, and entry category.

**Contest Rules**

1. Each participant is allowed one entry.

2. The entry may only be composed of parts from a single pumpkin.

3. Painted, uncarved pumpkins may be entered by children in the Age 2-4 and Age 5-7 categories only.

4. No foreign objects may be used in the construction of carved pumpkins, e.g. toothpicks, glue, yarn, pins, leaves, flowers, etc.

5. Each pumpkin must have a hole of sufficient size (minimum 4” in diameter) to enable the Arboretum to illuminate it with a battery-operated candle from the inside. Participants may not supply their own lighting devices.

   **Hint:** We recommend that you carve your jack-o’-lantern the day before you enter it in the contest to maintain freshness for judging!

**AWARD RIBBONS**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place (All Seven Age Categories)
- Best in Show
- Best Arboretum Theme
- Best Penn State Theme
- Best Traditional Jack-o’-Lantern Face

**Jack-o’Lantern and Ribbon Pick-Up**

Sunday, October 12 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Arboretum Event Lawn

All pumpkins not picked up by 1:00 p.m. will be composted!