

2022 WBNP Halloween Pumpkin Party

Saturday, October 22, 2pm–5pm

List Of Volunteers : Gary, Tom, Luke, Kaitlyn, Helen(+2), Alex, Jenna, Alice, Steph

Approximately 108 people attended the event, We bought approximately 905 pieces of candy

FUTURE SUGGESTIONS

- Add a Haunted Walk on the path to the Salt River
- Earlier start time than 12pm on the event day, to set up more decor around the site
- Water, prepping/rinsing the jugs ahead of time
- Gas-up ahead of time
- Outdoor Music instead of indoor music
- 3rd table for pumpkin carving
- Sharpies for people to create their pumpkin design
- More pumpkin carving tools
- Encourage Volunteers to dress warmer
- Having someone at the entrance giving out minute to win it tickets and counting visitors
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Stations Inside The Cabin:

We placed the 30 pumpkins we purchased on the counter next to two picnic tables. Garbage bags were placed on top of the tables to make cleaning the pumpkin guts easier. We supplied pumpkin carving tools. Approximately 24/30 pumpkins were used. We were pleased to see many people bringing out their own pumpkins as advertised. We had a garbage bin by each table although one suggestion made was to use bins on the tables instead so that people had the option to take pumpkin seeds rather than just throwing them away.

A big success this year was having a central reception area inside the cabin from which most of the organized events were based out of. We had hand sanitizer, wipes, speakers for music, touch table, the Candy guess jar station and our costume draw entry on the reception table next to some big decorations. Prizes for the minute to win it were also available at the reception.

The Halloween Playlist was a hit. It unfortunately ended before the event was over and no one restarted it. The touch table was also popular. In past years visitor experience staff have made all sorts of hideous treats for kids to get their hands into. Due to covid fears we went in a different direction this year. Instead of food based touch items were used bones and tufts of fur which also tied the theme back into Parks Canada and Interp. We also gave out 44/45 prizes for the minute to win it. Two people successfully guessed the number of candy in the jar, we picked at random to decide who would win the candy jar. The costume contest draw was won by Yusuf Yilmaz. He was dressed as a police officer and he won a Witch pinata that was full of candy.

Stations Located Outside:

Paint the Warden Truck Station - Participants ended up whipping paint out of the bottles onto the vehicle. Visitor Experience is out of paint.

Poke-a-Pumpkin - A moving station that focused on kids who were too little to participate fully in all the events. Young kids could poke the tissue paper that was elasticized to cups and reveal candy inside.

Campfire – hot chocolate with marshmallows, candy, and spooky stories around the campfire.

Werewolf Card Game - Premade in Halloween Folder (needs narrator to facilitate)

Halloween Minute to Win It - Participants had to go to all 5 stations and complete their task in order to receive a stamp on their punch card. Once all 5 stamps were received they could trade in their pass for a goodie bag. This was a super popular event. The kids were excited to try each task and get their stamp. None of them knew what the prizes were and they still put so much energy into trying all the tasks. Would highly recommend doing the punch pass again.

- § BOO Stack – Plastic Cups were stacked in a pyramid and designed to look like either ghosts or a Jack-O-Lantern, participants had to knock them down and then race against each other to see who could put them back the fastest. This was popular especially with the 2 different levels of difficulty. In the future it would be better to have it played on a regular plastic table. The picnic table could be difficult to stack on.
- § Monster baseball - Metal cans with drawings of skeleton, monster face, pumpkin etc, were used for the game as well as baseball were used for throwing. Kids were lining the cans up and trying to hit them with the ball. We stacked each of the various monster cans straight up on the picnic table and kids needed to knock over one of the stacks from a certain distance back. Make sure kids are throwing the ball away from the event.
- § Candy Toss – Participants played in teams of two. One person would toss candy from a bowl and the other would have to catch it in a bucket. This was the most popular and everyone could play it – kids of many ages and adults. We found out that Maynards work really well as they don't get damaged if they fall on the ground. Kids looped back around to try it over again just to win the candy. (the had to work harder for candy the 2nd time)
- § Eyeball Scatter – Participants tie a tissue box around their waist and position the box on their backs, they have to move in any way they want to get all the ping pong balls out of the box. This was fun, we used surveyors tape to tie the tissue boxes to waist and it worked really well, holding the box flat against their backs.
- § Obstacle course - The obstacle course didn't have a planned structure. We supplied wooden spoons/wooden eggs, hula hoops, pylons, plungers, a giant spider web and a spider. Helen took all the props plus a couple of pieces of firewood and made a fun course that participants had to complete in order to get their stamp

Activity	Materials
<p>Cabin will be decorated with spooky decorations. Indoor Pumpkin Carving. Staff will facilitate "Guess How Many Jar"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Hand sanitizer and wipes .. Speakers & Music .. Touch Box + Supplies + Blindfold .. Costume Contest Draw + Ballots .. "Guess How Many Candy Jar" + Ballots .. Pumpkin carving tools .. 30 pumpkins .. Four Garbage cans
<p>Hot Chocolate/Tea with Gary @ the fire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Hot Chocolate + Marshmallows .. Large pots x2 .. Ladles for serving .. Oven Mitts .. Cups .. Blue jugs of water x4 .. Halloween Candy
<p>"Minute to Win it" and other Halloween themed games – there will be self-guided games for kids and families as well as Halloween themed Minute to Win it challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Monster Bowling (monster cans and a ball) .. Ping Pong EyeBall Scatter (ping pong eyeballs and tissue box) .. Ghost Stack (Ghost cups) .. Candy Toss (Candy and Buckets) .. Obstacle Course (Spoons, Candy, Spiderweb, Hula hoops) .. Signs for Games

<p>OTHER EQUIPMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Werewolf Card Game .. Poke-a-Pumpkin .. Paint for Warden Truck- brushes .. Ropes/String .. Extension Cords .. Halloween inflatables & Decorations .. Event flags .. flagging tape .. Duct tape .. 2 folding tables & Tablecloths .. Extra Toilet Paper .. PRIZES .. Generators x2 .. Photo Release & Volunteer Forms
<p>First Aid/Emergencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Emergency phone list .. Incident plan & incident reports .. Radios .. 2 SAT phones .. Bear spray .. Air horns .. AED .. First aid kit(s)