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8th Annual The Great Pumpkin Race

Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 5pm
Union County Courthouse Square
26 W Union Street, Liberty, IN 47353



READY, SET, GO! Gather your family and friends and get your little pumpkins to the 8th Annual Great Pumpkin Race. Enjoy the spectacle of the Courthouse area transformed into Pumpkin Race Land, where creativity runs wild and cheaters never prosper. Dress in colorful costumes, enjoy fun activities for all ages, make your own pumpkin race car and feel the thrill of competing in the fun-spirited Great Pumpkin Race. This is a free event for the whole family.

What is the Pumpkin Race?

A fun-spirited festival like no other! The highlight of Harvest Fest 2021 is the Pumpkin Race. The Pumpkin Race is a side-by-side single elimination race featuring handcrafted, decorated Pumpkin Racers in a funky, hilarious, suspenseful, and dramatic display of American ingenuity. Excitement builds as Pumpkin Racers battle head-to-head for the coveted Pumpkin Race Championship Trophy. We will also award other prizes for Best Decoration, Most Innovative Design, and Best Crash.

What are Pumpkin Racers?

Pumpkin Racers are made to conform (more or less) to the Pumpkin Race Rules. The official rules state in part that a Pumpkin Racer must be made from a pumpkin with two independent axles and wheels attached. Pumpkin Racers come in all different shapes, sizes, and speeds. Some are elaborately decorated and ready to race. Others appear as if they can't make it down the race track at all. You never know what's going to happen or who the winner will be. There are always a few mighty Pumpkin Racer underdogs who somehow manage to come up with a victory over a seemingly superior opponent. Despite their different appearances, all Pumpkin Racers (except Cheaters!) are given an equal opportunity to participate and advance toward victory.

The Official Pumpkin Race Rules have been established to promote fair play and inspire good old-fashioned American Ingenuity. All Pumpkin Racers must design and race their Pumpkin Racers according to these few important rules to ensure that the Pumpkin Race is fun and fair for everyone.

RULE #1 Craft your Pumpkin Race Car using a single pumpkin. RULE #2 Insert two independent axles through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axles. Spice up your racer with style. RULE #3 You may not attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka Truck, etc. etc.) A.K.A. The "Anti-Stealth" Rule. RULE #4 NO EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS. RULE #5 No pushing or "helping" your Pumpkin Racer on the starting line. No last minute shove, the hidden thumb flick, the carly release, the remote control chassis, etc, etc. RULE #6 NO CHEATING. Feel great about being honest and fair. Don't be tempted to be the Cheater Pumpkin. Use the honor system and obey the spirit of these rules. Our Race officials have a keen eye and the Mallet-O-Justice ready to bring a Cheater Pumpkin down.

WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR PUMPKIN, REPEAT THE SOLEMN PUMPKIN RACER PLEDGE: ***"I pledge to always do my very best and play by the rules because Cheater Pumpkins never prosper."*** This is the Pumpkin Race Pledge opportunity to participate and advance toward victory.