



Wish Upon a Star Presents

# The 'Spooktacular' Jack-O-Lantern Derby

Saturday, October 5th at the Croatian Club - 1503 Clement St. - Joliet  
Festivities start at Noon – Race at 2:00pm

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**What is the 'Spooktacular' Jack-O-Lantern Derby?** Tons of fun as Pumpkin Racers are released down the Remin Kart-a-Bag race track for head-to-head competition to cross the finish line first! Each Pumpkin Racer is built with a real pumpkin, 4 wheels (provided as part of the Race Kit), and some clever ingenuity to provide a memorable shell design. The Jack-O-Lantern Derby is a hilarious event, showcasing the originality of the pumpkin racers. Join the fun and bring your best Pumpkin Racing Team. There will be food and beverages available for purchase along with kids' games, raffles and other surprises for family members of all ages to participate.

Everyone is welcome to come cheer on these brave Jack-O-Lanterns for a great cause.

**What is a Jack-O-Lantern Racer?** Pumpkin racers come in many sizes, shapes, and designs. The Official Rule for racers is simple: Jack-O-Lanterns must be made from a REAL pumpkin, with two independent axles and wheels attached. There is no telling which Jack-O-Lantern will win in the end.

**Are there Prizes?** Certainly! A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the race as well as awards for the People's Choice, Wish's Choice, and Most Original Design. Contest judging will be from 1:15pm-1:45pm.

**We can help you build it!** The Wish Pit Crew will be available to help with last minute tune-ups and alignments before your Jack-O-Lantern heads to the track. Full pumpkin assembly can be reserved on race day for a fee.

Register Now!

[WishPumpkinDerby.com](http://WishPumpkinDerby.com)



Your entry supports Wish Upon A Star, an organization dedicated to granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.



## The 'Spooktacular' Jack-O-Lantern Derby Official Rules

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**Rule #1** Craft your Pumpkin Racer using a single REAL pumpkin.

**Rule #2** Insert two independent axles through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axles.

**Rule #3** Pumpkins may NOT be attached onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind.

**Rule #4** NO PYROTECHNICS or ACCELERANTS.

**Rule #5** NO CHEATING. No pushing your Pumpkin Racer on the starting line. Our keen-eyed Race Officials are prepared for everything – the early release, the last minute shove, the hidden thumb flick, the remote control chassis, etc. Cheaters will be dealt with instantly by our Race Officials and our **MALLET OF JUSTICE!**

**Rule #6** Have Fun!!

### Race Tips

- Bigger is not necessarily better! A heavier Pumpkin Racer is not a faster Pumpkin Racer. Don't fill it with concrete . . . the Race Officials know this trick.
- Parallel axles are key to building the best and fastest racer so it will roll straight down the track. If your Racer can't go straight it probably won't cross the finish line. Check to make sure axles are parallel before every race. For best performance, drill axles only 1-2 days in advance of the event.
- Use your creativity and ingenuity to have fun making your Racer! Pick a theme and a fun NAME for your Pumpkin Racer. If you don't win a prize, you can at least say your Racer had style!

**NOTE:** If you require Pit Crew assembly services, please arrive no later than 11:00am on the day of the race!



# How to Participate in the Jack-O-Lantern Derby:

## Pumpkin Racer Entry- \$50.00 (additional racer \$40) Includes:

- Entry into the Jack-O-Lantern Derby - Race Time 2:00pm
- Pumpkin Racer Kit: 1 pumpkin, 4 wheels, 2 axles & hardware
- Showcase time before the race for the Prizes
- Complimentary photo station
- Additional entries include the same



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\*Pumpkin kit pick-up on Sept. 25th - 30th - contact Millie Shepich to make an appointment.

\*\*See Official Rules Page\*\*

## Supportive Spectator – Free!

You will be witness to a great show, lots of laughs, and other ways to show your support for your favorite racing teams and Wish Upon A Star throughout the event.

## Optional Pumpkin Assembly- \$20.00

Our skilled team of Pumpkin Mechanics will hammer, drill, and wheel up your decorated pumpkin on site. Please indicate if you are interested in this option. Assembly time starts at 11am.

Race time adjustments are still free!

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will need the Pit Crew's help. Assembly times are on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss the contest showcase at 1:15pm!



## Entry Form (2 options):

Fill out the form by going to [WishPumpkinDerby.com](http://WishPumpkinDerby.com) or return this form, filled out with payment, to the person who contacted you from the Wish board or J-O-L Derby Committee. (\*All Fields required)

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_