



**Smoke on the Water
October 23-24, 2009
Downtown Washington, North Carolina**

Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules and Guidelines

The Pumpkin Carving Contest will be part of the 12th Annual Smoke on the Water. Thank you to all participants for submitting their carving masterpieces. Winners will be selected by the public through ballot casting at the event. Contest winners can claim their prizes beginning at 9 AM on Monday, October 26 at the Washington Visitor Center in Downtown Washington at 138 South Market Street. Happy carving!

How to Enter

- Stop by the Washington Visitor Center (138 S. Market Street, Downtown Washington) and register for the contest, or call 252.948.9415 to request a registration form. No registration fee is required; however, you must register in advance to receive a unique entry number.
- Carve your pumpkin. With a permanent marker write your unique contestant registration number on the back of the pumpkin.
- Pumpkins may be dropped off beginning at Noon on Friday, October 23rd at the Washington Visitor Center. Pumpkins must be dropped off no later than 10 AM on Saturday, October 24th.
- Be sure your pumpkin has been marked/identified with your registration number. When you drop your pumpkin off, Visitor Center staff will photograph you with your carved masterpiece.
- Your pumpkin will be displayed until Saturday, October 24 at 6 PM. You are welcome to take your pumpkin home at that time.

Judging

Judging is simple: the pumpkin with the most votes wins. During Smoke on the Water, participants will be able to view all pumpkins and vote for their favorite.

Contest Rules

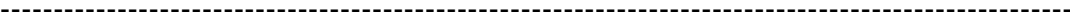
1. You must register your pumpkin(s) by Thursday, October 22.
2. You may enter as many pumpkins as you like. Each pumpkin must have its own unique registration number.
3. Write your pumpkin's unique registration number on the back of the pumpkin with a permanent marker.
4. By entering the contest, entrants accept and agree to these rules and the prize judging process, the results of which shall be final. Entrants also agree to allow Washington Tourism Development Authority to use their names, contest entries, likenesses and/or other related information for promotional purposes.
5. Judging will occur by casting of ballots. Each participant during the

6. Smoke on the Water event (October 23-24) may cast one vote.
7. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places.
8. In the case of a tie, the winner will be selected by random draw.
9. Winners will be announced Saturday, October 24 at 5 pm from the main stage at Smoke on the Water.

Pumpkin Contest Tips

- Do not carve your pumpkin too early.
- Write your pumpkin's unique registration number on the back of the pumpkin with a permanent marker.
- When you've completed carving your pumpkin, put plastic wrap over it and put it in the refrigerator.
- Soak your pumpkin in a bucket of water for an hour before you drop it off.
- Provide 2-3 candles or something to illuminate your pumpkin so it will be well lit for judging.

Have fun, good luck and happy carving!



Pumpkin Carving Competition Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

- Yes**, I wish to pick up my pumpkin at the end of Smoke on the Water.
- No**, you may dispose of my pumpkin when the contest ends.

Registration Number _____