

Painting/Carving Information & Contest Rules

Registration:



All entries must be received by October 28th, 2010 by 8 PM and be accompanied with the \$2.00 registration fee. Registration fees will be accepted in cash or check form only.

The Rules:



Pumpkins must be carved or painted before arriving to the Allen Campus the day of entry.



By entering into a designated age category, entrants agree to minimum help from others.



Submit original designs only.



Pumpkins reflecting controversial statements will not be accepted. Frank Phillips College Allen Campus reserves the right to remove any pumpkin it deems inappropriate.



By entering the contest, entrants accept and agree to these rules and the decision of the judges, which shall be final. Entrants also agree to allow Frank Phillips College to use the winner's name, contest entry, likeness and/or other related information for promotional purposes.



Please write your name and phone number on the bottom of the pumpkin with a permanent marker.



Pumpkins will be on display on the Allen Campus in the Conference Center for People's Choice voting during campus hours. Campus hours are from 8 AM-8 PM.



Judging will be on October 28th, 2010 starting at 6 PM. Please be present to accept any awards that will be given away.



Any pumpkins that are not picked up after the judging will be used for decoration at the Allen Campus as long as they are still intact, and then will be properly disposed of.

Carving Tips:



Do not carve your pumpkin too early.



After carving your pumpkin put plastic wrap over your carving, and place it in the refrigerator.



When painting a pumpkin – paint the whole pumpkin with a Multi – Purpose Sealer, let it dry and then paint!

Good Luck and Thanks for Participating!!

How to Keep a Halloween Pumpkin Fresh

1. Select pumpkins that are very fresh and firm. Avoid choosing a pumpkin that has bruised or soft areas or cuts or other visible blemishes.
2. Store both cut and uncut pumpkins in a cool dry place to keep them fresh longer, such as a cool basement or the refrigerator.
3. Remember that warm weather and hot sunlight can speed decay in a pumpkin. Be sure to store your uncut pumpkins in a cool spot and wait to carve them until a day or two before Halloween.
4. Once a pumpkin is carved, cover it with plastic for a day or two to help keep moisture in the pumpkin.
5. A shriveled cut pumpkin can sometimes be revived temporarily by soaking it in a bucket of cool water for several hours, then draining thoroughly.
6. Cover all cut edges of a pumpkin, as well as the entire interior with petroleum jelly. This is the best way to reduce moisture loss and keep a pumpkin looking fresh longer.
7. Use of a clear sealer on painted pumpkins will keep the paint from running and smearing on the pumpkin.