

The welcoming Rec Staff Left to right Emma Breslend. Bridget Hart, Lauren Cole, and Kortney Dorow Duball

Family Pumpkin Festival 2022 –A Great Success

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Kortney Dorow Duball, Nottingham Parks and Recreation Director said, "Our Family Pumpkin Festival was fully planned by our intern Lauren Cole. My team started setting up the event around 10 AM on Saturday and didn't leave the Rec until about 9 PM. They worked super hard to make this event a huge success and it showed!! This was our biggest attended event yet and I couldn't be prouder of this team and the energy they bring to our department. We already cannot wait to start planning next year's festival. This community is so special and to see all of those smiling families decked out in costumes and having a great time is why we do these events."

The Family Pumpkin Festival was held on Saturday, October 22nd from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. It included the annual spoOky walk, a scavenger hunt, carnival games, smores, fire pits, a costume contest, a cookie face challenge from the 300th committee, and food sold by Black Bear Lacrosse along with kettle corn made on-site by Fireside Kettle Corn. It was attended by 380 people. Many came as families. Both the kids and the parents wore Halloween customs. 30 volunteers helped to make it so enjoyable and fun-filled.

Here is a pictorial review of the afternoon.



This is the entrance to SpoOky Walk and there were some awesome actors along its path. Kids participated in a wide variety of activities. Here are some of them.



Jenga



Ring Toss



Tic Tac Toe



Corn Holes

For each activity the child did, that kid received a ticket. They used them to get Halloween prizes donated by local businesses.



The booth to redeem tickets for Halloween prizes'

And of course, there was face painting



And you cannot have a Festival without food and a Photo Booth.



Folks lining up for food on the left and Photo Booth on the right.

The food was so good, it was sold out by the end of the day. People who had their photographs there taken can see them on Nottingham Parks and Recreation's <u>Facebook Page</u>.

It was a great day. Thank you, Rec Department and all those volunteers.