



# DCTC Seventh Annual Fall Fest Pumpkin Carving Contest

## INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES SHEET

### *Welcome to the Pumpkin Carving Contest!*

We are excited to see your entry and share your submission with our panel of judges!

#### Overview

Campus groups will carve and decorate a pumpkin that represents their group. Pumpkins will be graded by judges, based on creativity, how the pumpkin relates to their group, and the quality of the carving and decorating (see complete grading rubric on back). Students and employees can participate! All pumpkins will be on display from **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. – Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the **Central Commons**. Questions can be referred to [israel.gray@dctc.edu](mailto:israel.gray@dctc.edu).

#### How to Register/Participate

1. Register your group in the Student Life Center by October 20.
2. Pick up your pumpkin to use for the contest in the Student Life Center on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> or buy your own.
3. Submit your completed entry form and finished pumpkin to the Student Life Center by **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**  
**Pumpkins will not be accepted without official entry form.**
4. Come back to visit the pumpkin display in the Central Commons from **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. – Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
5. Entries can be picked up from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Any remaining pumpkins not picked up will be discarded.

#### Contest Guidelines

- ★ Carve and decorate a pumpkin that represents your group.
- ★ There will be three categories: (1) DCTC Club or Athletic group, (2) Student Groups, and (3) Employee Groups.
- ★ A portion of the pumpkin **MUST be carved**; it cannot solely be decorated.
- ★ Winners will be determined by a panel of judges and campus vote.
- ★ **Groups must register by October 20 at noon in the Student Life Center if you would like Student Life to provide you with a pumpkin.**
- ★ One pumpkin per entry

#### 1. Student Life Guidelines (clubs/organizations/athletic teams)

- ★ Clubs, organizations, and athletic teams can participate. Each group is allowed one entry.
- ★ A monetary allotment from the Student Senate will be awarded to the groups in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the amounts of \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively.
- ★ One award of \$50 will be awarded to the group receiving the most votes by the DCTC campus community.
- ★ Three awards of \$50 will be awarded through a drawing of groups participating. Groups who place in the top three will not be eligible for the drawing.

#### 2. Student Guidelines

- ★ Teams of students wishing to enter are encouraged to participate. Each group is allowed one entry (e.g., students in a shared academic program or class could participate).
- ★ Student groups must be at least **three** people.
- ★ Prizes to be determined will be awarded to student group winners.

#### 3. Employee Guidelines

- ★ Campus departments, academic programs, or committees are encouraged to participate. Each group is allowed one entry.
- ★ Human Resources is sponsoring fabulous prizes for the groups in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and the group with the pumpkin receiving the most campus votes.

## Grading of Entries

The panel of judges will grade each entry based on the following rubric. Grades will be calculated among all judges to determine first, second and third place winners.

# JUDGES OFFICIAL EVALUATION RUBRIC

*Judges are using the following criteria to grade your entry. Please carefully consider the following when crafting your submission with your group:*

Visual Impact	4 points each "In Awe!" "Fabulous" Wow Factor Great Effort	3 points each "That's a job well done!" "Nice job!" Good Effort	2 points each "Okay, I see where they were going with that."	1 point each "What?" "I don't get it!"
Craftsmanship & Quality	4 points each The pumpkin is exceptionally attractive, well-constructed and very organized.	3 points each The pumpkin is attractive, has good construction and well-organized.	2 points each The pumpkin is acceptably attractive though it may be a bit messy.	1 point each The pumpkin is distractingly messy and/or the craftsmanship and skills are poor.
Originality	4 points each Exceptional use of new ideas and originality of pumpkin design.	3 points each Good use of new ideas and originality of pumpkin design.	2 points each Average use of new ideas and originality of pumpkin design.	1 point each No use of new ideas and originality of pumpkin design.
Tied to Group	4 points each Creative and perfectly related to the group.	3 points each Good use of relating to the group.	2 points each Somewhat tied to the group.	1 point each Not related to the group.

**Thank you for participating! GOOD LUCK!**