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Southeastern Pennsylvania

Fall/Halloween Activity Ideas for Matches

We hope the below list is helpful to you and your Little if you are looking for fall or Halloween themed activities. These activities are provided so that you may enjoy them at convenient times for you and your Little – they are not Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA sponsored events/group Match Activities.

Fall at Peddler's Village Ongoing

Contact Info

41 Peddler's Village Road
(Routes 202 and 263)
Lahaska, PA 18931
(215) 794-4000

www.peddlersvillage.com

Neighborhood: Bucks County

Fall has arrived at Peddler's Village, the charming, family-friendly town in beautiful Bucks County.

In addition to more than 70 boutiques and 10 restaurants — including a colonial-era tavern and a mystery dinner theater — Peddler's Village celebrates the harvest season with great fall events for the whole family!

30th Annual Scarecrow Competition and Display September 8 – October 26, 2008

As is tradition at Peddler's Village, the harvest season sees larger-than-life scarecrow creations displayed outdoors throughout the Village. But these are no ordinary scarecrows!

These exceptional pieces of American folk art fall into the following categories: The Keystone Krow, Whirligig, Extraordinary Contemporary, Kids Only!, Quite The Character and Group Crow.

33rd Annual Apple Festival November 1 and 2, 2008

This is exactly what it sounds like — Peddler's Village's celebration of all things apple!

You can taste scrumptious apple treats like country apple butter, apple cider, apple dumplings, apple fritters and, of course, candied apples! Or you can take home a bushel of apples fresh from the orchard.

But it isn't all apples. Local craftspeople will sell their goods and give live demonstrations, and you can always shop in the Village's boutiques. And if you're feeling really hungry, take a seat at an apple pie-eating contest.



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Yummy!

Events

[Apple Festival](#)

11/7/2009 through 11/8/2009

[Scarecrow Festival](#)

9/12/2009 through 9/13/2009

[Christmas Festival](#)

12/5/2009 through 12/6/2009

[Gingerbread House Competition and Display](#)

11/20/2009 through 1/2/2010

[Grand Illumination Celebration](#)

11/20/2009 through 11/20/2009

[Pumpkinland Harvest Festival and Fall family fun at Linvilla Orchards](#)

Date: 9/6/2008 9:00 AM- 11/9/2008 7:00 PM

Contact Info

137 W. Knowlton Rd

Linvilla Orchards

Media, PA 19063

(610) 876-7116

<http://www.linvilla.com>

Neighborhood: Delaware County - Brandywine Valley

The Pumpkinland Harvest Festival at Linvilla Orchards, a 300-acre, working family farm, celebrates the region's harvest season.

Located just 20 minutes outside Philadelphia, Pumpkinland is tailor-made for kids. They'll love everything from the 100-ton pumpkin patch that greets you at the driveway to the huge, oversized scarecrows they'll see from the road as you pull up. And don't worry — they're not too scary!

You can hop on a hayride to go apple-picking, or just stay on the ride and tour the farm. There are farm animals to greet, a corn maze to get lost in, and straw bales to climb on — not to mention the mouth-watering smell of hot apple pie. You'll also enjoy live music, pony rides, a jack-o-lantern display, face-painting, food and more.

Pumpkinland lasts throughout the picking season, from early fall until just after Halloween.

Come Prepared

There's no entry fee and parking is free, but be prepared to pay for hayrides, as well as whatever produce you take home. And remember it's a working farm — so wear comfortable shoes!

Don't Miss

The annual Halloween parade, held on October 26, in which every participant wins a prize.

[French Creek State Park](#)

Two lakes and forested hiking trails amid the picturesque farmland of northern Chester County



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Contact Info

843 Park Road
Elverson, PA 19520
(610) 582-9680

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/frenchcreek.aspx>

Neighborhood: Chester County

Anglers and boaters both enjoy the well-stocked Hopewell and Scotts Run Lakes, home to a wide variety of local species of fish. There's also a swimming pool if you want to get wet. And two disc golf courses that are popular year-round.

You might opt for exploring the extensive trail system, which covers a large portion of the park's 7,339 acres. Bicyclists are welcome, too, as long as they stick to the designated trails. There's also eight miles of trails for horseback riding.

The hilly, forested terrain is perfect for the burgeoning new sport of Orienteering, which might be why, with two popular courses that wind through the woods by Hopewell Lake, French Creek is affectionately known as the "Orienteering Capital of America"

Come Prepared

Trail maps are available by the park office and trailhead parking is available. Fishing and hunting licenses are required. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited and pets must be leashed.

Shady Brook Farms PumpkinFest

***Note – they also offer HorrorFest for those interested in a scarier offering – visit their website for more information.**

Shady Brook Farm's month-long harvest festival
Date: 9/26/2009 11:00 AM- 10/31/2009 5:00 PM

Contact Info

931 Stony Hill Road
Shady Brook Farm
Yardley, PA 19067
(215) 968-1670

<http://www.shadybrookfarm.com>

Neighborhood: Bucks County

What better way to celebrate the fall harvest than with [PumpkinFest](#), a Shady Brook Farm tradition that lasts throughout October? Bring the family for a day of fun on this pumpkin-filled farm!

Children and adults alike will enjoy hayrides to the Pumpkin Patch, where you can pick your favorite to take home. Then the kids can jump in a giant moon bounce, venture through the Barn of Horror, Jr. or navigate the giant corn maze.

Admission is \$10 for a full day of harvest fun! For an additional cost, kids can also have fun with face painting,



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sand art, pony rides and more.

Fall for Franklin Square

Family-friendly events celebrate the Fall season at Franklin Square

Contact Info

6th and Race Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 629-4026

www.onceuponanation.org

Neighborhood: Historic District

Fall is always beautiful in Philadelphia — especially at Franklin Square, the award-winning space for families to play mini-golf, ride a restored carousel and learn a little bit of history!

Check out all the great Fall events happening at Franklin Square!

Free Movie Night

Saturday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Come out to the Square for a chilling triple feature, including Bewitched Bunny (a Bugs Bunny cartoon), Ghostbusters and Gremlins. Beware — the two late flicks are for big kids!

The Square's lawn will be open for picnics and music at 5 p.m. Guests can bring their own (low) lawn chairs and blankets. Additional concessions will be for sale, including burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, soft pretzels, cotton candy and ice cream.

Spooky Mini Golf

Fridays - Sundays in October, after dark

Enjoy Philly Mini-Golf with fog effects, special lighting, spooky music, spooky characters and more!

Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 11 and 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Show up in costume to decorate and take home your very own pumpkin and enjoy spooky storytelling — all free! And for an a small fee, you can take a ride on the Lightning Bolt Express!

Trick-or-Treat Trail

Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Show up in costume to decorate your own trick-or-treat bag, follow the trail and grab some candy from some furry Halloween friends — all free! And for an a small fee, you can take a ride on the Lightning Bolt Express!



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East Falls Festival

An annual fall festival in Philadelphia's East Falls neighborhood

Date: 10/3/2009 - 10/3/2009

Contact Info

Ridge Avenue and Midvale Avenue

(Site of the East Falls Art Show)

Philadelphia, PA 19129

(215) 848-8084

<http://www.eastfalls-pa.com>

Neighborhood: East Falls

This year's East Falls Arts by the River Festival offers an assortment of community activities and fun for youngsters and adults alike.

Held annually on the first Saturday in October, this community event features demonstrations in glass blowing, textiles, fine art, painting, photography and other mixed media. In addition to the great artistic displays, kids can delight in helicopter rides, pony rides and a giant moon bounce.

Other Festival highlights include historical tours, a multi-cultural festival and a talent show. Don't miss it.

Chestnut Hill Fall for the Arts Festival

A picturesque fall festival of food, art, music and more

Date: 10/4/2009 11:00 AM- 10/4/2009 5:00 PM

Contact Info

8426 Germantown Avenue

Chestnut Hill Visitor's Center

Philadelphia, PA 19118

(215) 247-6696

www.chestnuthillpa.com

Neighborhood: Chestnut Hill

Each year Chestnut Hill welcomes autumn with the Chestnut Hill Fall for the Arts Festival, a Sunday full of art, music, great food, boutique shopping and family fun.

Germantown Avenue, the historic boulevard that connects the neighborhoods of northwest Philadelphia with the rest of the city, is transformed into a festive outdoor arts and crafts marketplace.

More than 150 talented artists from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and from as far away as New Mexico will have their work on display. The diverse array of artworks will include oils, watercolors, etchings, photography, sculpture, pottery, wood crafts, jewelry and accessories.

The Fall for the Arts festival is a great way to spend a delightful Sunday afternoon. Between the beautiful art, lively music, delicious food, picturesque setting and good company, you can't help but have a good time



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Germantown Avenue will be closed to all vehicular traffic between the 8000 and 8600 blocks towards the top of Chestnut Hill. The Chestnut Hill West SEPTA Station is the closest to the festival. Admission to the festival is free. Chestnut Hill [parking lots](#) will offer a special all-day rate of \$5.

Reading Terminal Market Harvest Festival

Reading Terminal's annual fall festival is both indoors and out

Date: 10/17/2009 10:00 AM- 10/17/2009 4:00 PM

Contact Info

12th and Arch Streets
Reading Terminal Market
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 922-2317

<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org>

Neighborhood: Convention Center / Chinatown / Market East

Nothing says Autumn quite like candy apples and jack-o-lanterns. [Reading Terminal Market](#) has plenty of both at its annual Harvest Festival, a day-long celebration of the local harvest. This year's event features loads of fresh, local produce, cheeses and award-winning wines.

There will be hay rides, face painting, arts and crafts, and fun pumpkin events like a jack-o-lantern contest and pumpkin drawings. Or try and guess the weight of some of the largest pumpkins you've ever seen.

Filbert Street, right outside the market, will be transformed into an urban farm with exciting family activities, including a giant pumpkin patch, a sidewalk barbeque and other sidewalk sales. For those with a sweet tooth, there will be homemade donuts and caramel- and candy-dipped apples.

Pumpkin Days - A fun, family-friendly fall festival at Tyler Arboretum

Date: 10/17/2009 - 10/18/2009

Contact Info

515 Painter Road
Tyler Arboretum
Media, PA 19063
(610) 566-9134

<http://www.tylerarboretum.org/>

Neighborhood: Delaware County - The Main Line

Enjoy a quintessential fall festival at Tyler Arboretum, which boasts some 650 of the most beautiful acres in the region.

Get spooked in the Haunted Barn; make a scarecrow to adorn your front porch; or hop about a hayride and tour the historic grounds, which once belonged to William Penn.



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Children and adults alike will enjoy a wide range of live music, including bluegrass and folk. There will be games to play, tours of three of the Arboretum's historic buildings, and a chance to sit down with glue and glitter to make your own seasonal decorations.

Come Prepared

The event is rain or shine, so dress appropriately. An entry fee covers most events, but expect to pay for hayrides, pumpkins, and whatever material you use when making crafts.

HatOber Fest

A six-day celebration of Fall in one of the region's most historic towns

Date: 10/17/2008 - 10/26/2008

Contact Info

243 S. York Road
The Union Library of Hatboro
Hatboro, PA 19040
(215) 956-9540
www.hatboro-pa.com
Neighborhood: Bucks County

HatOber Fest, a traditional, two-weekend-long town fair, is the place to spend your beautiful autumn night enjoying the events leading up to Halloween.

The festival comes complete with a Craft Show, sidewalk sale, haunted house and ghost tours through historic Hatboro. On the final day of HatOber Fest, kids can give early previews of their Halloween wear at the Costume Contest Parade, then practice trick-or-treating in the twilight Halloween Stroll.

Bring the kids or just be a kid yourself and enjoy the autumnal atmosphere and activities, entertaining at any age.

The Great Pumpkin Carve

Giant pumpkins and imaginative carvings make this a Brandywine Valley favorite

Date: 10/23/2008 5:00 PM- 10/25/2008 9:00 PM

Contact Info

1736 Creek Road
Old Route 100 - less than one mile from U.S. Route 1.
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
(610) 388-7376
<http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org>
Neighborhood: Brandywine Valley

Local artists take on a patch of monstrously large pumpkins at this annual pumpkin festival, turning the giant orange gourds, some of which weigh up to 400 pounds, into hauntingly carved masterpieces.



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Expect a mix of local and regional visitors to this popular event, which is a tradition in the Brandywine Valley's artist community. You'll even get a chance to help judge the artists' handiwork. These pumpkin masterpieces are lit and on display all three evenings, turning the grove behind the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn into a spooky celebration of Halloween.

In addition to serving as judges, you'll also get to enjoy live music, tasty food and hayrides.

History

The origins of the Carve date back to the early 1970s, when a group of local artists gathered on the porch of the Chadds Ford Inn and challenged each other to a pumpkin carving competition.

Come Prepared

Wear comfortable shoes, dress warmly, bring a flashlight and leave the dogs at home. Pumpkin carving is by invitation only, but you can help the judging!

Don't Miss

At nightfall (around 5 p.m.) the pumpkins are lit and the 70 hauntingly carved masterpieces make for a truly magical Halloween experience.

Boo at the Zoo

The Philadelphia Zoo hosts a family-friendly Halloween bash

Date: 10/25/2008 10:00 AM- 10/26/2008 4:00 PM

Contact Info

3400 W. Girard Avenue

The Philadelphia Zoo

Philadelphia, PA 19104([MapQuest](#))

(215) 243-1100

www.philadelphiazoo.org

Neighborhood: Fairmount / Art Museum Area

This Halloween season, visit the [Philadelphia Zoo](#) for Boo at the Zoo — a masquerade party fit for the whole family!

With just a few days left until Halloween, you can practice trick-or-treating throughout the Zoo in your favorite spooky costume. Candy is provided!

Trick-or-treaters aren't the only ones with Halloween treats — during "Beast Feast," the zoo's hippos, gorillas and jaguars will enjoy a fall meal of pumpkins, apples and fresh produce donated by local farms.

As a special treat this year, you'll get a chance to meet the cast of Hairspray from the Walnut Street Theater!

So come out to America's first zoo for storytelling, games, music and more — and of course, you'll get to hang out with more than 1,300 animals!

Boo at the Zoo is free with Zoo admission