



Here's your chance to join in the fun...

# Pumpkin & Produce Contest

## SATURDAY, October 3, 2009:

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Check-in
- 9:00 – 1:00 pm Weighing
- 4:00 pm Awards
- 5:30 pm Option to load pumpkins\*

\*The top 3 pumpkin entries are required to remain on site until 5:30 pm **SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.



### Official California Weigh-off Site

for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth International Competition

## CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival of Elk Grove is 2 days — October 3 & 4, 2009

The Pumpkin & Produce Contest is held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# Wild About GIANT Pumpkins

The Elk Grove community has been “WILD About GIANT Pumpkins” for 15 years. The Festival reveals its wild side in 2009 combining packs of GIANT pumpkins, animal prints, reggae music, and a safari inspired scarecrow contest.



3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL

## Pumpkin Regatta

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> • 12:00 noon

*Did you know giant pumpkins float?*

They can even support the weight of a full-grown adult. Come watch a Festival tradition as participants paddle their way across the lake in boats made from giant pumpkins! You won't want to miss it. The top 3 heftiest pumpkins cannot participate. Participants must be age 18+.

*All cash awards contributed by Event Sponsors.*

**\$500 Prize**



**Official Festival Hotels:**  
Mention the CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival for a discounted rate.



9241 Laguna Springs Drive  
Elk Grove, CA 95758  
hotel front desk: 916-691-1900  
www.sacramentoelkgrove.hgi.com



9175 W. Stockton Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95758  
hotel front desk: 916-478-9000  
www.hiexpress.com



**PUMPKIN and PRODUCE CONTEST**  
Cosumes CSD Parks and Recreation  
8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 3  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Celebrating 15 Years  
**CSD**  
Enriching Community • Saving Lives  
**CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival** of Elk Grove



**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**7 am – 5 pm**

**Elk Grove Regional Park**

9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove

For more information:  
916-405-5300 • [www.yourcsd.com](http://www.yourcsd.com)

# CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival of Elk Grove

## HEFTIEST PUMPKIN *(judged by weight)*

First Place .....	\$6/lb
Second Place .....	\$3000
Third Place .....	\$2000
Fourth Place .....	\$1000
Fifth Place .....	\$500
Sixth thru Tenth Place .....	\$250
Eleventh thru Fifteenth Place .....	\$100
Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place .....	\$50
Mystery Weight* .....	\$150

\*weighs closest to the pre-determined mystery weight

## HEFTIEST PUMPKIN GROWN IN SAC COUNTY

First Place .....	\$500
Second Place .....	\$200
Mystery Spot #1 .....	\$50
Mystery Spot #2 .....	\$100

## FUTURE FARMER *(entrants under the age of 18)*

First Place .....	\$150
Second Place .....	\$100
Third Place .....	\$75
Fourth Place .....	\$50
Fifth Place .....	\$25
Mystery Weight* .....	\$150

\*weighs closest to the pre-determined mystery weight

## LARGEST FUTURE FARMER PUMPKIN GROWN IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY

First Place .....	\$75
Second Place .....	\$50
Mystery Spot #1 .....	\$50
Mystery Spot #2 .....	\$100

## ASSORTED AWARDS *(judged by weight)*

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Squash	\$500	\$300	\$100
Watermelon	\$200	\$100	\$50
Cantaloupe	\$100	\$50	\$25
Tomato	\$100	\$50	\$25
Largest Zucchini <i>(weight)</i> .....	\$50		
Tallest Corn Stalk <i>(length)</i> .....	\$50		
Longest Gourd <i>(length)</i> .....	\$50		
Largest Sunflower <i>(diameter)</i> .....	\$50		
Howard Dill Award <i>(people's choice)</i> .....	\$100		

## Official Rules for Giant Pumpkin and Produce Competition

1) The entry must be grown, cared for, from seed to harvest, and exhibited by the grower. In case of an emergency, the site coordinator, club/grower representative, and site representative will make a decision on the validity of the excuse. Only the heaviest entry, one per class (pumpkin-squash) from one fixed address/household will be eligible for GPC prize money.

2) The GPC will recognize two entries per fixed address/household for top ten average only.

3) No foreign material (i.e. fungicides, caulking, skin additives, etc.) will be permitted in the weighing of any fruit. Vines must be trimmed to within one inch of the stem of the fruit. The judges have the right to inspect any and all fruit before weights and measurements become official. Refusal of any inspection to an entry will cause the entry to be classified exhibition only.

4) The specimen must be sound, healthy, and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes or cracks through to the cavity, and serious soft spots.

- The Judges reserve the right to probe cracks, holes, and dig out soft spots to judge a fruit official or not. Before the Judges can execute any of the previous they must have the grower present.

- A serious soft spot is one that is greater than 3 inches in diameter, and greater than 3 inches deep. The dimensions of the soft spot will be measured after all soft material has been removed with a spoon.

- If there are more than two soft spots that require material to be removed and measured, the pumpkin will be disqualified even if each spot is smaller than the definition of a "serious soft spot".

- All judging will be completed prior to the fruit being officially weighed.

5) No specimen will be allowed into competition at a GPC site if that specimen has been previously entered at another competition.

6) All specimens that will be submitted to the GPC for prize money and recognition must be weighed on a certified scale with only the fruit on the scale. Any fruit weighed with a tarp, pallet, or any other lifting device will be classified unofficial weight or UOW.

## Color Requirements and Prize Money

1) Heaviest official fruit wins—all pumpkins and squash will be weighed in one category with the heaviest fruit winning.

- Squash will be classified as follows—100% of the following colors or color combinations green, blue, and gray. The surface area of the fruit as grown in the garden, not including the portion that was in contact with, or close proximity to the ground. This area will include the area between the ribs, around the stem, and the blossom end. This will not include any netting (cantaloping) or any discoloration caused by the close proximity to, or the area on the ground.

- Pumpkins will be all fruit not classified as squash.

2) In the event of a tie of two or more places, all entries that are tied will have the prize money for the places that are tied added together then split equally amongst the places that are involved.

3) Cosumnes CSD and the CSD Giant Pumpkin Festival staff are not responsible for any damage to specimens.

4) Decisions of the judges are final in all cases.

## Delivery of Entries and Pre-registration Information

There is no entry fee. All entry forms must be completed and mailed to:

**CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival of Elk Grove**  
8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 3  
Elk Grove, CA 95624  
Attn: Jonnie

**The top 3 pumpkin entries are required to remain on site until 5:30 pm SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

All participants who pre-register by September 18 will receive a free parking pass. For participants not possessing a pass, there will be a \$10 per car entry fee. \$5 off coupons available at [www.yourcsd.com](http://www.yourcsd.com).

All specimens must be accompanied by their owners, with a completed entry form if not pre-registered and must arrive at Elk Grove Regional Park between 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. **All entries checked in after 9:00 am will be placed in the Non-Competitive category and ineligible to receive a prize. Large specimens should be brought on pallets.** Festival personnel will be on hand to assist entrants in positioning entries. **All registered pumpkins must remain on display until 5:30 pm Saturday, October 3, 2009. The top 3 pumpkins must remain on display until 5:30 pm Sunday, October 4, 2009. All entries are encouraged to remain on display through Sunday.**

## Weighing

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

## Awards Presentation

Local awards will be presented at approximately 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

## Judging

This event is meant to be an enjoyable experience for the public. Decisions made by the CSD GIANT Pumpkin Festival Committee and Pumpkin Judges are final.

## Official Entry Form

I am registering for the following categories:

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heftiest Pumpkin   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Farmer* (pumpkins)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Stalk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Squash   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunflower  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watermelon   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zucchini   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantaloupe   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gourd      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin Regatta on Sunday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> – see reverse |                                     |

\*Growers under 18 years have the option of entering the Heftiest Pumpkin or the Future Farmer category. Once pre-registered, the grower may not switch categories, so consider your choices carefully.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Sac County?  yes  no

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Cosumnes Community Services District, their officers and employees, and any co-sponsor of this activity are not responsible for any injury which may be suffered by the participant while traveling to, during, or returning from the activity designated in this notice. The sponsoring agency has no medical insurance for individuals, and any injury to, or caused by, the participant will be the participant's sole and exclusive responsibility. Participant, or his/her guardian if actual participant is under 18, shall be solely and exclusively responsible for any property damage, personal or private, which the individual may cause during the course of an activity such as designated in this notice. Additionally, the participant, or parent or guardian if actual participant is under 18, acknowledges that the CSD reserves the right to photograph facilities, activities and program participants for potential future use for publicity or promotion purposed only. "By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this notice and, if I am signing on behalf of a participant under the age of 18, I attest that I am that participant's legal guardian."

**By signing I also understand the top 3 pumpkins will be required to remain on display through Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 5:30 pm and I will abide by these rules.**

Signature of Participant *(Parent if under age 18)* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_