



**Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival**  
**First Weekend in October • Elk Grove Regional Park**

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### **Pumpkin Regatta**

### **Entry Rules**

1. All skippers must be 18 years of age or older and must have a completed hold harmless on file.
2. Skippers may begin preparing their pumpkins as early as 9am on Sunday morning.
3. Skipper and CREW Members ONLY are allowed in the Pumpkin Pit Stop.
4. Each skipper will have the opportunity to test his/her pumpkin in the water once before they begin to cut. Once the pumpkin is cut, it may not go into the water until Splash in.
5. A maximum of 2 skippers will be allowed to row/ride in each pumpkin boat.
6. Motors are not allowed.
7. No additional floatation devices may be utilized or attached to the pumpkin-boat.
8. Life Jackets are REQUIRED.
9. The following list of items may be needed by each Skipper.
  - Life Jacket (we will have extras if needed)
  - Paddle (See Rule 10 for NEW guidelines)
  - Sawsall/Hand Saw/Shovel to prepare pumpkin (no access to power)
  - Snorkel/Swim Fins
10. Single Skippers are permitted a standard kayak paddle limited to 8.5 Feet in length. No homemade paddles are permitted. Double Skippers are permitted 1 standard oar each, limit 5 foot in length, no homemade oars are permitted.
11. A lottery for starting lane position will take place at 11:25 a.m.
12. Splash In is 11:30 a.m.
13. The Regatta is scheduled to begin just past 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th at the Elk Grove Regional Park located at 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd, Elk Grove Ca 95624.

14. No Skipper or Crew Member shall be physically aggressive toward any Skipper or Crew Member – on land or on the water. This includes any unwanted physical contact, by paddle, power-tool or person, including shoving pumpkin or person before, during or after the race.
15. No Skipper shall use unnecessary roughness against any opposing Skipper from the time the pumpkin-boat is dropped in the water through the duration of the race.
16. The Skipper must maintain possession of the Regatta Race Flag that they pick up at the halfway point during the race. Loss of this race flag will result in disqualification.
17. The Skipper(s) must remain in his/her/their pumpkin throughout the duration of the race. The Skipper(s) can finish the race if thrown overboard as long as he/she/they have a part of their body inside the vessel for the remainder of the race (i.e. feet in the pumpkin as they swim back). If the Skipper(s) crosses the finish line without their pumpkin they will be disqualified.
18. Cosumnes Community Services District employees and their immediate families are not eligible.
19. Winners will be announced in Pumpkin Pit Stop immediately following the race.
20. Prizes for the Elk Grove GIANT Pumpkin Festival Pumpkin Regatta are as follows: First prize: \$350 and the First Place Ribbon. Second Prize: \$150 and the Second Place Ribbon. Third Prize: \$100 and the Third Place Ribbon. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.
21. Winners will be published online at [www.yourcsd.com](http://www.yourcsd.com).
22. By entering this contest, entrants agree to the Elk Grove GIANT Pumpkin Festival Pumpkin use of their name, photographic likeness, and results in advertising and publicity related to the Festival without restriction.
23. Decisions of the Pumpkin Referees are final in all cases.

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### Entry Form

*All information must be completed. Incomplete forms may result in disqualification from contest.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The participant shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the District and its elected officials, employees, agents, volunteers and any co-sponsor of this activity (collectively, "District"), against all liability (including without limitation court costs and attorneys' fees), claims, losses, demands or actions for injury to or death of any person(s), or damage to property relating to or arising from his or her participation in the activity designated in this notice. The District has no medical insurance for its participants, and any injury to, or caused by, the participant will be the participant's sole and exclusive responsibility. The participant acknowledges that the District reserves the right to photograph participant during the activity designated in this notice for future publicity or promotion use only.

OR

The Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival and Cosumnes Community Services District and any co-sponsor of this event are not responsible for any injury which may be suffered by the participant while traveling to and from this activity designated in this notice. The overseeing agency and its co-sponsors have no medical insurance for individuals, and injury will be at your own responsibility. Under California law, an individual is responsible for any and all property damage, personal and private, which may occur during the course of this activity as designated in this notice. Additionally, the participant acknowledges that the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival and the Cosumnes Community Services District reserves the right to photograph facilities, activities and program participants for potential future use for promotional or publicity purposes only.

I have read and understand this notice.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed entry to:**

**- Mail -**

Pumpkin Regatta  
c/o: Brian Chavez  
Cosumnes CSD  
9014 Bruceville Road  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

**- E-mail -**

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