

# Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin 2020 Weigh-Off Information



## *The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off is coming back to Elk Grove!*

Currently, the Cosumnes Community Services District is planning to hold the 2020 Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Saturday, October 3 in Elk Grove Park. While the two-day festival has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19, in consultation and coordination with local and state authorities, we believe we can conduct the Weigh-Off in a safe and responsible manner.

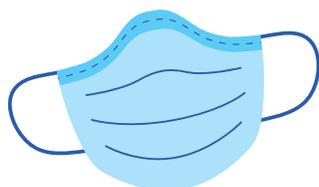


## Safety First

There is no higher priority to the Cosumnes CSD than the health and safety of our community, staff, volunteers, and growers. Please carefully review the COVID-19 related safety measures and restrictions outlined below.

### DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT

- Each grower will be assigned an arrival time and must stay in their vehicle until directed to unload their pumpkin/squash.
- OTT measurements will be performed by staff prior to weighing and then the pumpkin/squash will be placed directly onto the scale, weighed, and then immediately placed back in the vehicle before leaving the site.
- The weighing and measuring of small produce will take place in a separate location, only after the grower's pumpkin/squash has been weighed and loaded back into their vehicle.
- Growers will not be allowed to be on-site before or after their assigned times.



### NO VIEWING AUDIENCE

- Spectators are not allowed. Event staff, volunteers and members of the media will be the only other people allowed in the Weigh-Off area.
- Registered growers will be permitted to bring one person with them. Future Farmer growers may have two accompanying adults.
- Volunteers and staff will be on-site to assist with loading and unloading pumpkins/squash and large produce.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

- The use of face coverings will be required during the Weigh-Off and while in the park.
- Growers must maintain a minimum of 6-feet of distance from those not in their party.
- Event staff will be following safety and sanitary precautions recommended by the CDC and Sacramento County Department of Public Health.

### BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE WEIGH-OFF, PLEASE:

- Take your temperature. If your temperature is 100.4°F/38°C or higher, you should stay home.
- Perform a self-assessment to verify you do not have a fever, shortness of breath or cough. If you or a member of your household are experiencing these symptoms, please stay home. Refunds will be granted to folks who err on the side of caution and stay home.
- In addition, Event Staff will be asked to make a visual inspection for signs of illness when you arrive which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.



ELK GROVE  
GIANT PUMPKIN  
WEIGH-OFF

## Registration

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Growers are required to pre-register through our [registration website](#) or by phone at (916) 405-5600. **Registration closes at 5 p.m. on September 11, 2020.**

Following the close of registration, Event Staff will evaluate the number of entries and create a safe and efficient arrival schedule for the Weigh-Off. Arrival times for October 3 will be emailed to all registered growers by September 26.

### DAY OF THE EVENT

- Growers are responsible for delivering their entries to the Weigh-Off site at Elk Grove Park at the appointment time emailed to them by Event Staff.
- Each Grower will be assigned a timeslot designating their arrival time to line up for their entries to be weighed.
- To make this year as safe and efficient as possible, we are staggering arrival times and requiring all growers and assistants stay inside their vehicles until directed by Event Staff or volunteers.
- Growers will receive additional information, including check-in time, between September 11 and September 26.
- Online registrants will receive an email and those who register by phone will receive a follow-up phone call and a letter in the mail.

### DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

- Official check-in will take place at Gate 1.
- **Late check-in** (past scheduled appointment time) will result in disqualification from the event.
- Do NOT get in line any earlier than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time so that Event Staff can keep the line as short as possible. Those arriving earlier will be placed in a waiting area until their scheduled appointment time.

Register By  
**FRIDAY**  
September 11  
[click here](#)

REGISTRATION & DAY OF EVENT

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## Official Rules

For a complete set of Official Rules for Giant Pumpkins and Produce, visit [www.gpcl.org](http://www.gpcl.org).

### COLOR REQUIREMENTS AND PRIZE MONEY RULES

1. 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 will be considered. This area will include the area between the ribs, around the stem, and the blossom end. This will not include any netting (cantaloping), any discoloration caused by the close proximity to the ground, or minimal amounts of striping or mottling associated with some squash. Mottling may appear as white to cream or beige to bronze.
  - a. Pumpkins will be all fruit not classified as squash.
2. Only the heaviest entry per class by a grower or team will receive GPC awards.
3. The GPC will only recognize one award per fixed address per class. With the exception of Future Farmers.
  - a. A fixed address will be defined as a parcel of land used by growers and/or teams to grow their entries.
4. In the event of a tie of two or more places, all entries that are tied will equally split the total award for the places that are tied.
5. Cosumnes Community Services District and the Event Staff are not responsible for any damage to specimens.
6. Decisions of the judges are final in all cases.

### PRIZE MONEY

Due to COVID-19 related interruptions, the Cosumnes Community Services District is still working on securing the final prize purse. As soon as it is determined, Event Staff will post on the Giant Pumpkin Festival webpage ([www.yourcsd.com/GPF](http://www.yourcsd.com/GPF)) and send an update to those on our mailing list.



# OFFICIAL RULES



## Additional Information

For more information:

[yourcsd.com/gpf](http://yourcsd.com/gpf) · (916) 405-5600

### CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](#)
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## DIRECTORY

### REGISTER

[yourcsd.com/onlineereg](http://yourcsd.com/onlineereg)  
Activity #19529

(916) 405-5600

### OFFICIAL RULES

[www.gpc1.org](http://www.gpc1.org)

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

[yourcsd.com/gpf](http://yourcsd.com/gpf)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are coming in from out of town and wish to stay overnight, we highly recommend our partners and past sponsors:

### Holiday Inn Express

Group Name: Giant Pumpkin Festival 2020

Group Code: GPF

Rate: \$134

Check-In: 10/2/2020

Check-Out: 10/4/2020

Cut-Off Date\*: 9/12/2020

Phone: 916.478.9000

Website: [click here](#)

The Holiday Inn Express is a bright, modern hotel conveniently located right off HWY 99 & Laguna Boulevard. A full hot breakfast is included in the rate for all overnight guests and we also offer complimentary parking, WiFi, and more!

*\*Please note that rooms will remain available at the group rate until the cut-off date or until the group block sells out, whichever comes first.*

## BECOME A SPONSOR



For sponsorship inquiries, please contact:

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