

Pumpkin Cottage Contest

Let Your Imagination Take Root in Nature!

Create a magical house using a pumpkin and treasures found in nature! Will your pumpkin become a woodland cottage, a fairy castle, or a cozy home for forest creatures? Let your creativity lead the way! This activity is for people of all ages – children and adults!

Entry Guidelines

1. **Start with a pumpkin!** Choose a pumpkin of any size, shape, or color. Your pumpkin may be **carved or uncarved**. Carve doors, windows, or magical openings, or leave your pumpkin whole, and build your fairy house around it.
2. **Use nature's treasures.** Decorate your creation with natural materials such as leaves, twigs, sticks, pinecones, acorns, stones, bark, moss, flowers, seed pods, and other items found in nature.
3. **Create a magical landscape!** You may use a piece of wood or plywood as a base to build a landscape around your pumpkin. Add winding pathways, gardens, bridges, fences, fairy-sized furniture, or other enchanting details.
4. **Build a seasonal pumpkin cottage!** Give your creation its own personality. Add doors, windows, roofs, chimneys, gardens, or special hiding places where fairies and woodland creatures might live.
5. **Keep it natural.** The main decorative materials should come from nature. Avoid using lots of plastic decorations, glitter, and store-bought ornaments. Glue, string, and other basic supplies may be used to hold your creation together.
7. **Make it your own!** Each entry should be original and created with imagination, care, and a little fairy magic.

Register your Pumpkin House & Bring Your Creation to the Farm!

Bring your finished pumpkin cottage to our **Community Farm on October 24** for display!

- **Arrival deadline:** Please have your pumpkin fairy house at the farm by **12:30 PM**.
- **Display time:** All creations will be on display from **1:00 - 4:00 PM**.

Please make sure your creation is sturdy enough to be transported and displayed. If you use a piece of wood or plywood as a base, be sure your entire fairy house and landscape can be moved safely.

Link to register your pumpkin:

<https://heritagecreekfarmcamp.wufoo.com/forms/zgnmewy1yt0tyt/>

Tip: Cottages should be made at home, but don't do it too early before the contest or your pumpkin might change shape or become moldy if you are carving it.

Have fun, think creatively, and let nature inspire you! There is no one right way to build a Pumpkin Cottage. Every creation is special, and every pumpkin has the potential to become something magical. **We can't wait to see what you create!**