

Calling, Calling Out for Help at Pumpkinfest 2025!

Project 1: Gutting pumpkins

Date: Monday, Sept 29: 9am – 4pm

Time Commitment: At least two hours

Location: Pony Express Event Center, 1220 S. 10th Street, St. Joseph

Task: Assist in removing insides & cutting a hole in the bottom of 100 – 125 logo pumpkins of various sizes. This prepares the pumpkins for the next step, which is carving.

Project 2: Carving pumpkins

Date: Monday, Sept 29 through Thursday Oct 2 :

First shift: 9 am – 4 pm

Second shift: 4 pm – 6 pm

Friday, Oct 3: 9 am – 2 pm

Time Commitment: At least three hours due to time invested to train in carving techniques.

Location: Pony Express Event Center, 1220 S. 10th Street, St. Joseph

Task: Assist in carving the pumpkins for display on Pumpkin Mountain. Pumpkin Mountain co-chairs will train volunteers on required techniques. Sponsors purchase pumpkins for the mountain, with 100 - 125 requesting their logo carved into their pumpkin.

Project 3: Children's Tent or Pumpkin Shoppe

Date: Friday, Oct 3: 5 – 7:30 pm; Saturday, Oct 4: Noon – 7:30 pm.

Sunday, Oct 5: Noon – 4 pm

Time Commitment: 2- or 4-hour sessions on any or all days

Location: *Children's Tent in Patee Park or Pumpkin Shoppe on Museum Grounds, west side*

Task: Children's Tent: assist children in decorating their pumpkins. Help make a button with a button machine (child decorates cutout) and volunteers put the button together, help with selected crafts by coordinator for specific days and times. Help families enjoy some family time, **AT NOT TIME IS ANYONE TO LEAVE THEIR CHILD or CHILDREN unattended while in the tent.** Every child will receive a passport for doing the activities. You may be asked to assist with your area stamp as the child completes their task for you. Please dress in a T-shirt and shorts or jeans, short shorts are not allowed as it is a family event.

Pumpkin Shoppe: assist children with their purchases; must be able to count change.

Project 4: General Help on Grounds

Date: Friday, Oct 3 – Sunday, Oct 5

Time Commitment: 2- or 4-hour sessions on any /all days Sunday is tear down time 4:00pm -8:00pm

Location: Museum grounds and/or Patee Park

Task: Information Booth

TBD: Other duties assigned 😊