

The emphasis is still on fun at Pumpkin Town Farms, a seasonal Tulsa attraction that will celebrate a 20th birthday in 2019. Visitors can continue to take part in family-oriented activities, but those who desire something a little more spooky can sample a new twist. Pumpkin Town Farms added a haunted attraction, Insanity Farms, that will be open Friday and Saturday nights in October. It was added because a lot of guests requested it, according to Brigitte Basse of Pumpkin Town Farms. "They've been bringing their kiddos to see us for so long that those kids are now in middle and high school," she said. "They wanted something they could do with their older ones. We also wanted to do it because we felt like Tulsa didn't have a haunted outdoor maze, and it would be a new experience for those that enjoy haunts." Basse said Pumpkin Town Farms' haunted attraction is not R-rated or "super gory" like some haunted attractions. The haunt will start at 8 p.m., one hour after the start of ticket sales, and the last tickets will be sold at 11 p.m. Basse said guests will receive access to three attractions "a haunted corn maze, a chaos pallet maze (try to escape from a creepy clown) and a zombie 4-D paintball experience. There's new tame fare, too. Basse said Pumpkin Town Farms added a goat walk (a "cute" playground area and bridge where goats will play), human foosball and a new, larger corn crib. The maze theme changes yearly and Pumpkin Town Farms partnered this year with national candy brand Albanese to feature the company's gummy bear. On weekends, live music is scheduled and local animal rescue organizations will be on site with adoptable pals. Among special weekend events at Pumpkin Town Farms: Oct. 5-7: Beat Cancer Weekend "Pumpkins decorated by various cancer support groups and limited-edition pink Pumpkin Town Farms T-shirts will be on sale. Proceeds will be donated to participating organizations. Oct. 12-14: Grandparents weekend "Grandparents are admitted free. Oct. 19-21: Animal Rescue Weekend "A dog troupe that has appeared on national TV shows will perform. Bring a can or bag of dry cat/dog

food and receive \$1 off admissions. Donations will be split between pet organizations that visit Pumpkin Town Farms throughout the season. Oct. 26-28: Halloween Fest â€” Itâ€™s trick-or-treating time and time for prizes to be awarded for costume and pumpkin-carving contests. Expect a visit from some of your favorite movie characters. Wear a costume to receive \$1 off admission. Nov. 3: The Great Pumpkin Smash â€” Bash and smash pumpkins at three smashing stations and watch pumpkins get demolished by a mini monster truck. Bring your leftovers, too. The activity slate will include games, a pie-eating contest and a candy cannon. Pumpkin Town farms is at 6060 S. Garnett Road. For operating hours and information, go to pumpkintownfarms.com. Among other family-friendly Halloween options: Halloween Fest Castle of Muskogee 3400 W. Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee There are plenty of scary attractions on site, but there are kid-friendly options too. A â€œskullâ€• rating system is used to rank the fright level of attractions. Hours: Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and ticket sales end at 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in October. Halloween Land closes at 9 p.m. HallowMarine Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Drive, Jenks; 918-296-3474 Once a year, for five nights only, the Oklahoma Aquarium opens its doors to trick-or-treaters of all ages. Highlights include a giant pirate ship bounce house, a pee wee pirate zone (with age-appropriate games, a bounce house, candy and prizes) and a trick-or-treat trail. Pony rides will be available Halloween night. All exhibits remain open, so meet all the aquariumâ€™s creatures while loading up on treats. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids age 3-12. Special pricing for members. Hours: 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 27-31 HallowZOOeen Tulsa Zoo, 6421 E. 36th St. North; 918-669-6600 The Tulsa Zoo is welcoming little ghouls and gila monsters to HallowZOOeen, a spooky (but not-too scary) Halloween trick-or-treat event. Last year, more than 20,000 children had a safe place to enjoy the holiday during this fundraising event to support zoo operations. Tickets are \$9 for nonmembers and \$8 for members. Haunted Train tickets are \$5 and the Scary-Go-Round is \$1, both optional. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Tulsa Zoo. Hours: Oct.

27-31. Starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27-28; lasts from 6-9 p.m.

on other days. Last tickets will be sold at 8:30 p.m. BooHaHa in Brookside

Brookside, 31st to 41st streets on Peoria Avenue The Brookside Business Association's annual BooHaHa

event will take place Saturday, Oct. 27. The schedule includes an 8:30 a.m. Lions

Club pancake breakfast at Brookside Church Fellowship Hall, kids zones (beginning at 9 a.m.),

a 9:30 a.m. costume contest at the kids zones, a 10:30 a.m. pet judging

contest and an 11 a.m. parade. BooHaHa ends at 1 p.m. Individuals who would

like to volunteer to help with the event should email dennisnsue93@msn.com. Ghouls on the

Green Guthrie Green, 111 M.B. Brady St. An annual Ghouls on the Green celebration

is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 28. Take the kids and enjoy seasonal activities in downtown

Tulsa. Hours: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Vinita Punkin Chunkin Festival John's Tractor Works, 444934 US Hwy

60/66 in Vinita The Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Route 66 Punkin

Chunkin Festival is Saturday, Oct. 27. The public is invited to watch as teams

launch pumpkins through the air. General admission is \$5, children 4-and-younger free. Spectators are

encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In addition to seeing who can chunk

a pumpkin the farthest in many divisions, the festival will include food trucks, arts

and crafts, and entertainment. A new feature this year is a Dutch oven cooking

competition. Free activities for kids include pumpkin bowling, pumpkin decorating, face painting and more.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Safari Joe's Howl Go Green Safari Joe's H2O,

4707 E. 21st St. Howl Go Green is an annual fundraiser created to help

raise funds and awareness for the animals at Safari Joe's Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary and

to support operations. Activities include animal exhibits and presentations, treats, inflatables, costume contest, door

prizes, family karaoke and train rides. Admission and parking are free, but some activities

require additional fees, like \$5 unlimited train rides and inflatables. Bring your own bag

for collecting treats. Suggested age is six months to 12 years old. Hours: 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 20. Pleasant Valley Farms 22350 W. 71st St. South,

Sand Springs; 918-248-5647 Pleasant Valley Farms is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

daily in October, but an eighth annual winter squash and pumpkin festival is scheduled

Oct. 13-14. Admission is free for the festival, which includes live bluegrass and country

music, vendors, pumpkin patch fun, tractor-pulled hayrides, a 15-acre corn maze and more. Info:

pleasantvalleyfarmsok.com and Pleasant Valley Farms Ok Facebook page Livesay Orchards 39232 E. 231st St.

South, Porter; 918-483-2102 Hayrides take visitors on a journey through a peach and apple

orchard to a large pumpkin patch. Children's activities are available at Pumpkin Playland. Hours:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Also open from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-19 during fall break. Halloween Night at the Museum Will

Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore Celebrated since 2014, Halloween Night

at the Museum is a free event that has brought hundreds, if not thousands,

of costumed characters to the Will Rogers Museum. Trick-or-treating will be combined with an

opportunity to visit the museum. Area businesses and individuals will have tables to share

treats. A costume contest is being added this year. Hours: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31

Sand Springs Pumpkin Patch Festival 17516 W. Eighth St., Sand Springs; 918-640-1869 Activities include

taking pictures with pumpkins at one of the many free photo op areas, pony

rides, a games tent and the opportunity to pet farm animals. Though the patch

is free, an activity pass is \$8 per child and includes unlimited activities for

the day. Pony rides come with an additional charge. Hours: Open daily in October

from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday Pumpkin

Festival at Shepherd's Cross 16792 E. 450 Road, Claremore; 918-342-5911 Admission to the farm

is free, but visits are donation-based. Donation-based activities include a pumpkin patch, petting zoo

area, farm museum, pumpkin stroll, hay maze, story time and fall games. Pay-for-use activities

include wagon rides (\$6.50) and outdoor scarecrow making (\$4). Packaged pricing combinations are available.

Hours: Festival runs through Nov. 3. Closed Sundays. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30

p.m. for drop-in visitors and pre-scheduled groups. Mondays are by appointment only, except Oct.

29, when the facility will open for all visitors. Annabelle's Fun Farm 444584 E.

110 Road, Welch; 918-323-6352 Established in 2011, Annabelle's Fun Farm features more than 35 attractions, including a corn maze. One-day passes are \$12.95. Season passes are \$19.50. Military and seniors are \$11.95. Some attractions require an additional fee. Trick-or-treating on the farm is scheduled Oct. 27-28. Hours: Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

and Sundays until Oct. 28. School groups can visit Tuesday through Friday. First United

Methodist Church of Owasso Pumpkin Patch 13800 E. 106th St. North, Owasso; 918-272-5731 The church's pumpkin patch will be open Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. On Oct. 12,

visitors can see a showing of 'The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.' Trunk or treat will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Halloween. Hours: Noon to 7 p.m.

Sunday through Friday, plus 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and fall break (Oct.

18-23) Carmichael's Produce Pumpkin Patch 171st Street and Mingo Road, Bixby; 918-366-4728 Families visit each year to pick out pumpkins. Visitors can look forward to an animal farm,

a wagon ride, a cane maze and a house of hay. Rhema Bible Church

Harvest Carnival Ninowski Recreation Center, west of the Rhema Park on Rhema's campus, Kenosha (71st Street) just east of Aspen (South 145th East Avenue) in Broken Arrow; 918-258-1588

The Harvest Carnival, open to infants through fifth-graders (and their parents), is a Halloween alternative for children that provides a safe, action-packed, candy-filled party for the community. The event offers 80 game booths and 5,000 pounds of candy. Costumes are encouraged, and concessions are on site. Hours: 6-9 p.m. Oct. 26 NSUBA Fall Festival 3100 E.

New Orleans St., Broken Arrow The annual NSU-Broken Arrow fall Festival is returning Oct.

25. Student Affairs is hosting the carnival-styled event in the Administrative Services Building lobby.

Activities include hayrides, carnival games and inflatables. Costumes are encouraged, and there will be free candy. The Fall Festival is open to the campus and surrounding community and is free of charge. Donations for the NSUBA RiverHawk Food Pantry are encouraged. Hours:

5-8 p.m. Oct. 25 St. Stephens United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch 400 W. New

Orleans St., Broken Arrow; 918-455-4202 The pumpkin patch runs from Oct. 6 through Halloween with Festival of Fun on Oct. 28. Our patch is open October 6-31. Hours:

Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Trick-or-Treat at

The Farm 51st Street and Sheridan Road The Farm Shopping Center will play host

to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. Hours: 4:30-6 p.m. Oct. 31 Jimmie Tramel 918-581-8389 jimmie.tramel@tulsaworld.com

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