

Rainier Pumpkin Festival

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, Rainier, Oregon hosted its annual Pumpkin Festival. Held at the city park, the festival engaged visitors with many events, offering something to interest everyone.

The Pumpkin Festival started at 3:00pm and ran until dark, giving the city a chance to be lit up by pumpkins along the riverfront, illuminating the evening. This year there were over 200 pumpkins on display and the goal for next year is to light up 500 or more pumpkins. Many community organizations and businesses participated, bringing activities for all age groups. This year Relay for Life, Northwest Family Dental, Friends of Fox Creek, Papa Murphy's, and a Scentsy Candle Representative had booths set up. Additionally, there was a hay ride, face painting by Makeup Alchemy and the Rainier Jr/Sr High School Art Club, a pumpkin launch, haunted house prepared by the Beaver Homes Grange, and crafts; Middle of the Road Band performed live music for visitors to enjoy.

Each year the organizers of the Pumpkin Festival select a local organization or nonprofit group to be the recipient of funds raised by the event. This year's proceeds went to Rainier High School's Art Club. Next year the Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 3pm until dark. For more information on this year's event or the preparations for next year, visit the Rainier Pumpkin Festival website at:

http://www.rainierpumpkinfestival.com/web-pages#!_web-pages. They also have a page available on Facebook!



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