

AppleUmpkin Fall Festival Is Perfect For Families

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(Shopping News Photo by Donald Reese)

There's something for everyone in the family at Adamstown's AppleUmpkin Days. And a lot of it is free. On Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., participants can shop at craft stands, feast on food items from Frankenstein Franks to jumbo apple dumplings, enjoy hay rides and have fun with family-friendly games and other activities. The fall festival, coordinated by the borough's Adamstown Community Days (ACD) committee, will be held at the community park at the end of town near the swimming pool. There is plenty of free parking and no admission fee.

"This is the 14th annual Apple-Umpkin Fest and we will offer more free events this year, thanks to generous donations from several local businesses," ACD chairman Joe Dietrich said. "Berks Homes will sponsor three inflatable bounce houses, so children can spend the day working off energy at no cost."

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Dietrich said a donation from Reading Box Company will defray the cost of the candy scramble, awards in the costume parade and prizes in children's games. Fulton Bank will sponsor trophies in the pumpkin chucking contest.

"We have never considered the AppleUmpkin Fest a fundraiser," said Dietrich, "more of a way to bring families together for a fun day before the cool weather keeps everyone indoors."

Craft stands will open for business at 10:00 a.m. offering all types of unique items such as hand-carved dried gourds, homemade soaps, jewelry, barnwood signs, women's and children's clothing, baby clothing and pet items including bandanas.

Dietrich said over 25 vendors are currently signed up with a total of about 40 expected. Spaces are still available; anyone interested in reserving a space should contact Dietrich at 484-256-0851 for more information.

Food is always a big part of any festival and the AppleUmpkin has lots to offer. Funnel cakes, kettle corn, homemade Asian food, BBQ chicken, fresh baked soft pretzels and homemade pumpkin rolls will be available throughout the day. Jerry and Sandy Artz will be heading up a team of volunteers who will serve up a favorite edible from previous years, Frankenstein Franks. Chicken corn noodle soup will also be on the menu. Another food high-light is always the apple

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dumpling. About 1,200 apple dumplings are sold annually at the festival. Pre-ordered tickets are on sale at the Adamstown Post Office every Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There is a cost.

There is plenty to keep the family entertained through-out the day. There will be children's games, scarecrow making and pumpkin decorating. Bill Clark will be taking adults and children for hay rides through the park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A large hay pile and a corn box keep the little ones entertained.

A costume parade will begin at 12:00 noon and prizes will be awarded in various age groups. Costumed participants are asked to meet at the pavilion by 11:45 a.m.

Something new this year is an apple peeling contest, with a prize to the person who manages to produce the longest apple peel. Another returning favorite activity is the pumpkin chucking con-test, with trophies awarded to the winner in each of five age groups for girls and boys.

A schedule of events with approximate times will be posted at the pavilion. The rain date is Sunday, October 22.

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Any profits from the day's activities will be used toward ACD entertainment and fire-works over Memorial Day weekend.

Shown in the photo, from left to right, are Christopher Martin, Reagan Martin, Nolan Martin, Colden Martin, Amy Martin and Lucas Hehnly.

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