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The beloved Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular returns to  
Roger Williams Park Zoo (Providence, RI) with shows running nightly from  
September 30 – October 31, 2021

This highly anticipated annual event features a breathtaking display of 5,000 illuminated jack-o-lanterns artistically carved and displayed in scenes to play out the annual theme. Situated on the zoo's picturesque wetlands trail, the event has won praise from across the nation for its amazing artistry and appeal as a unique, family-friendly autumn destination.

### **Be Part of the Spectacular!**

Come join us for the 2021 season, complete with a unique theme and breathtaking display of autumnal talents exclusive to Rhode Island. Best of all, groups save with special discounts on tickets, meals, and more.

Spaces book quickly – don't delay! Reserve your place in the 2021 Spectacular today.

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### **Why host a private event?**

- Private events are the ultimate way to experience the Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular. A private event offers your guests:
  - Private space to gather, eat, and mingle.
  - Special discounted admission to the beloved pumpkin trail.
  - VIP access to the pumpkin trail.
  - A delicious meal for every guest.
- To book a private event, hosts first reserve the venue (\$500), then purchase tickets to the pumpkin trail. You can also add on delicious catered fare to complete the night!
- **To ensure the best visitor experience, events are booked Sunday – Friday only.**



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**Schedule your event today!**

### **Classic event venue reservation**

5 – 9 PM

Venue reservation starts at \$500

- ✓ Dine, mingle, and enjoy delicious fare at one of the zoo's private venues:
  - The **outdoor** Event Tent (unenclosed) is a covered space in the menagerie courtyard that can accommodate up to 80 guests. Available nightly.
  - The **outdoor** Marco Polo Plaza (unenclosed tent) is a beautifully decorated venue for events with up to 80 guests. Available nightly.
  - The **outdoor** Adventure Tent (unenclosed tent) is a unpaved locale situated close to the pumpkin trail and can accommodate up to 50 guests. Available nightly.
  - The **indoor** Education Center accommodates up to 80 guests and is available Sunday – Thursday.
- ✓ Purchase a venue reservation (\$500) then add on tickets to the pumpkin trail and a delicious catered meal.
- ✓ VIP access to the pumpkin trail after your meal – no lines!

*Expecting a crowd? Accommodate larger groups by pairing the Marco Polo Plaza and Event Tent together – two popular venues located only steps apart. Ask for more information!*

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## **Delicious meals for every group! Choose yours:**

### **HARVEST BUFFET: \$29 per guest**

Harvest salad, complete with roasted butternut squash, zucchini and yellow squash, and dried cranberries, topped with a cider vinaigrette • Roasted turkey • Sage stuffing • Mashed potatoes • Cranberry sauce  
Dinner rolls • Butter • Gravy • Spring water • Coffee • Soft drinks • Warm apple crisp

### **HARVEST BARBEQUE MEAL: \$20 per guest**

Hamburgers • Hot dogs • Baked beans • Rustic potato salad • Fresh garden salad • Cookies • Brownies • Iced spring water

### **Feeling hungry? Add these on:**

BBQ Pulled Pork - \$5 per person  
BBQ Pulled Chicken - \$5 per person  
Vegetable Succotash - \$4 per person  
Cookies and Brownies – \$3 per person  
Hot Chocolate - \$4 per person  
Gatorade - \$4 per person

Bar service and additional catering options available– please ask for a complete listing and plan your custom menu today!  
Please note, no outside food or drink are permitted.

For allergen information and general catering questions, please contact the caterers (SSA) directly at [StevenGioe@thessagroup.com](mailto:StevenGioe@thessagroup.com) or (401) 785-3510 ext. 398.



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## **General event policies:**

*Please review the general policies, procedures, and FAQs for the Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular show on our website. General show policies will apply, as well as the following:*

- Every guest purchases admission for the trail as well as for the meal. This includes group leaders and bus drivers.
- Physical tickets are neither distributed nor required.
- The trail and private venues are largely and/or entirely **outdoors**.
  - It will be most enjoyable to those who dress comfortably and in tune with the weather forecasts.
  - Temperatures can dip low once the sun goes down, so dress accordingly. Comfortable shoes will also help folks navigate the trails, which are not always even surfaces.
- The Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular is a rain-or-shine event and therefore non-refundable. However, we prioritize visitor safety and in cases of extreme weather, the show has been cancelled.
  - Cancellations are rare and only take place in extreme situations.
  - RWPZ reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any event for any reason, including current or forecasted weather conditions. We will make every effort to communicate with you about changes.
  - For your convenience, all cancellations or changes will be posted on the Zoo's website and Facebook page.

## **Event timeline:**

- Some private events do arrive together by bus, but many members of the event arrive separately in their own vehicles.
  - **If arriving by bus:** Depending on your venue, groups may not be able to drop off at the Upper Zoo gates and instead may be asked to enter through the main entrance. A zoo representative will inform you of the proper entry procedure closer to the event.
    - Buses should plan to arrive around 5 PM. Those arriving sooner may be asked to wait until 4:45 PM, when an ambassador will be available to meet the bus.
    - Please note: Buses park in an off-site parking lot. The lots are about 10-15 minutes from the main entrance, which is about 10-15 minutes from the event venue. For this reason, it can be difficult to have drivers accompany guests to the dinner and/or pumpkin trail.
  - **If arriving in separate cars:** Early arrival is strongly recommended, as guests will need to be escorted to the venue by zoo staff. Standard event guests should plan to arrive between 4:45 – 5:15 PM.
  - These timeframes provide time for the group to park, reach the entrance, and be escorted up to the venue before the event begins. Please note: parking lots can fill quickly on busy nights. To ensure a full event experience, all event guests must be checked in by 5:30 PM.
- Once the group finishes eating, a zoo representative will escort guests to the start of the pumpkin trail.
  - This could mean staggered entry.
  - Please keep in mind once your guests leave for the pumpkin trail, there is no re-entry into the private space. As such, we ask all guests do not leave any personal belongings in the venue.
- Guests enjoy the trail on their own.
  - On peak nights, it can be difficult to keep your group together so we recommend group leaders inform their guests where to meet, and provide phone numbers and group information (even bus identification information) to guests for the most convenient exit.
- Guests will exit through Gate 8 with the general public, which leads directly to our main parking lot.



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# 2021 Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular Private Event Reservation

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name & Phone/Email (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 1: Plan your event

Visit Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated headcount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many busses will you be bringing? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Venue spaces are assigned based on party size and availability.  
 Please note: Most venues are outdoors.

**Venue Fee:**  
**\$500**  
 A \$500 deposit payment is  
 required to book your event

## Step 2: Purchase tickets to the pumpkin trail

Remember, anyone over age 1 counts as a guest. All attendees must be included in the following headcounts.

Adult Tickets (ages 13+): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16/20 each (Mon-Thu/Fri & Sun) = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Tickets (ages 2-12): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13/17 each (Mon-Thu/Fri & Sun) = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Infant Tickets (1 and under admitted free): \_\_\_\_\_

**Pumpkin Trail Ticket Cost:**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 3: Customize with a delicious meal

Please mark your desired meal selection(s) below.

Harvest Buffet Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harvest Barbeque Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Cost:**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Custom meal additions: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal pricing can be found on page three of this document. Meal costs are per-person and RWPZ will calculate your meal pricing based on the final headcount. The zoo's catering team will review all meal additions and/or other custom arrangements. No outside food is permitted. If you have questions or special requests, please contact catering managers by email (StevenGioe@thessagroup.com) or at 401-785-3510 ext. 398.

All event venues are assigned by the Group Sales Department and all event reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Both a completed contract and deposit payment are required to reserve your space. We kindly remind our guests to dress comfortably and in line with forecasts, as both the trail and nearly all event venues are outdoors. Final headcount and final payment are due seven days before event. Purchases are non-refundable, unless Roger Williams Park Zoo (RWPZ) cancels your event. RWPZ reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any event for any reason, including but not limited to current or forecasted weather conditions. Full policies/event information cited throughout this document and/or on our website. We look forward to hosting you!

### Non-refundable \$500 deposit payment required today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by check. (Please make checks payable to Rhode Island Zoological Society. Returned checks will result in an additional \$25 fee).  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay by credit card. (All major credit cards are accepted, please write card information below)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_