

2025 ELK GROVE GIANT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

FREE!



PUMPKIN RECIPE CONTEST SWEET OR SAVORY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Pumpkin spice and everything nice. All are welcome
to enter the Pumpkin Recipe Contest!

Carve up your best **sweet or savory** pumpkin
recipe for a chance to win!

Pre-registration encouraged by: Friday, Sept. 26

Walk-ups are accepted.

Enter Online:
CosumnesCSD.gov/Contests

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• FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER •

Best Pumpkin Recipe Contest Guidelines

1. Recipes for the GPF Best Pumpkin Recipe Contest specify the use of fresh or canned pumpkin as a key ingredient.
2. Recipe must fall into one of two categories: **1. Sweet or 2. Savory.** Contestants may submit one entry per person, per category.
3. Entry must be submitted ready to serve between 9:30am and 10am on Saturday, October 4th. Typed recipe must be attached to dishes.
4. Final Judging will take place at the festival and will start promptly at 10am at the Community Stage.
5. Entry must serve at least 6 people.
6. There are no heating or cooling facilities at the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival, entries must be prepared and ready to serve.
7. The basis for judging will be flavor, texture, creativity, appearance, and the use of pumpkin. The decision of the judging panel is final and binding.
8. All dishes must be picked up no later than 11am on Saturday at the judging table at the Community Stage. Items not claimed by that time will be disposed.
9. Cosumnes Community Services District employees and their immediate families are not eligible. Any co-sponsor of the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival and their immediate families are not eligible. Professional chefs, cooks, food stylists and other food specialists are prohibited from entering this contest. Contest is open to U.S. residents only, eighteen (18) years of age or older. Void wherever prohibited, taxed or restricted by state or local law.

Prizes

- Each category will be awarded \$150 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place.
- One Best of Show will be awarded \$200 and a commemorative cutting board.
- Winning recipes will be published online at **CosumnesCSD.gov**.
- Winners will be announced immediately following the contest at the Community Stage on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

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