

Avery Goes to Pumpkin Fest



Hi! My name is Avery. I am in the second grade, and I am going to the Pumpkin Fest at First Baptist Church Oak Ridge. My mom and grandpa are taking me.

When we parked our car, I could see that there were a lot of pumpkins. I could also see games like at a carnival. I heard cars driving by on the street. Some of them were very loud. They were all pretty far away though, and that made me feel a lot better.

First, we walked up to a table where I saw some happy people wearing masks and a tag that said pumpkin pal and had their name. The people gave me a paper with everything I could do at the festival and some stickers. They told me that after I play a game, do a craft, look at the pumpkins, or get a snack, I can put a sticker on my sheet. They also said I don't have to put a sticker on everything. I get to just do what my mom, Grandpa, or I want! Then, the helper told me that before I go home, I can show my sticker map at the treat table to get a bag of candy!

They reminded me that we don't want to share germs and that it's important that everyone at the festival has space around them. They showed me where I can sanitize my hands.

We started by playing some games. There were games spread out all over the grass. Some were big and some were small. Some were on tables. On the ground in front of the games were spots marked for the families to stand so that they did not stand too close to each other. My family stood on our spot and waited our turn. I played one game where I threw a ball and another where I got to hop and run. Every time I played a game I added a sticker to my sheet!

After playing games, I was hungry and thirsty. We walked over to the food station where we got some popcorn and a drink.

After eating, I was ready to make a craft. I went to the craft table to pick out which one I wanted to make. I chose a pumpkin craft. After making my pumpkin, a volunteer took the glue I was using and put it in a box to wash it. We wanted to be careful to get rid of any germs. She told me thank you for coming to make a craft, and told me that my pumpkin looked amazing!

Once I was done making a pumpkin, my mom and grandpa said that we could go and buy one. We walked over to the area where there were hundreds of pumpkins sitting on top of pieces of wood. My grandpa told me the pieces of wood were called pallets. Some of the pumpkins were big and orange, others were small and green. I had never seen so many different kinds of pumpkins! I only touched the pumpkin that we were going to buy. Now it was time to pay for our pumpkin. Mom and Grandpa and I waited in line. We stood on the same kind of marks like we stood at when we were waiting to play a game. Grandpa showed the helper sitting behind a table the pumpkin we were going to buy. The helper said that I picked a great pumpkin and told my grandpa what it would cost. The helper told us thank you, and we said goodbye.

After I got my bag of candy, it was finally time to go home. I had such a fun day at the pumpkin festival, and I hope you do, too!