



SOAK YOUR GOURD!

Y-kiki Divers' Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

Sat., October 16, 2021

Mermet Springs, Metropolis, Illinois

Noon ~ Dive Briefing

Pumpkins must be entered by 4:30 p.m.

Prizes awarded at 5 p.m. ~ Stick around for the bon fire!

\$50 divers* / \$40 non-divers

Fee includes quarry entry fee, lunch, drinks and an event shirt.

AND... the chance to win fun & fabulous prizes!

****Divers will need to bring their own pumpkin, carving tools, mesh bag for collection of pumpkin guts and, of course, all your own dive gear. One pumpkin entry per person.***

PADI Underwater Pumpkin Carving Distinctive Specialty

Sign up to take the PADI Underwater Pumpkin Carving Distinctive Specialty course — a fun and unique c-card for your logbook! Learn all about what it takes to carve a pumpkin underwater including proper weighting, buoyancy control and cool techniques. Each buddy team carves a pumpkin over two dives. Cost is \$40. Be sure and register for the Soak Your Gourd Event which includes quarry entry fee, supper, drinks and an event t-shirt.

This Specialty course certification also counts as one of five Specialty certifications required for Master Scuba Diver certification.

Prerequisites:

- PADI Open Water Diver or Junior Open Water Diver certification (or qualifying certification from another organization)
- Minimum age is 10 years old
- Each diver will be required to sign PADI's [Continuing Education Administrative Document](#), including the Divers' [Medical Questionnaire](#). If any of the medical items apply to you, we will need a Physician's Release signed by your doctor prior to any in-water activities.

Required Materials:

- Divers will need to bring their own pumpkin, carving tools, mesh bag for collection of pumpkin guts and dive equipment.

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Contest Rules

- Divers will need to bring their own pumpkin, carving tools (pumpkin carving tools only), mesh bag for collection of pumpkin guts and, of course, all your own dive gear. We recommend bringing extra weight to hold down your pumpkin as your carving.
- While you may carve as many pumpkins as you like, each participant is allowed only one pumpkin entry per diver into the contest.
- You are allowed to stab the pumpkin one time before taking it underwater. All subsequent carving must be completed underwater.
- You are not allowed to draw your design out on the pumpkin prior to submerging. Designs sketched on a slate or laminated designs are acceptable.
- For safety reasons, pumpkin carving tools ONLY are allowed — no diving knives.
- To ensure safety and accountability, divers are required to check-in and check-out with the Beach-master in **buddy teams**.
- In the event that lightning is seen in the area, we will recall all divers. The diver recall will be a continuous banging on a scuba cylinder. If you hear the recall, please make your way to the surface and exit the water as quickly as possible in your buddy teams.
- Once you are happy with your pumpkin, please see the Pumpkin Judges to enter your pumpkin into the contest. Feel free to add additional props, lights, etc. to your pumpkin at this point.
- Pumpkins must be entered at the judging table by 4:30 p.m. Awarding of prizes starts at 5 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall as well as 2nd and 3rd place prizes.
- Group photo immediately follows. :-)

Note: Y-kiki Divers' staff are not eligible to participate in the contest.

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- To process your certification card, we'll need a head and shoulders photo and a completed PIC Worksheet (if we don't already have a Student Record Folder on file for you).
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- All the rules above apply.

