

Halloween = Kid Super Bowl. Pre-game the spookiest night of the year with our plan for tricks and treats every day in October.

31 Days of Halloween

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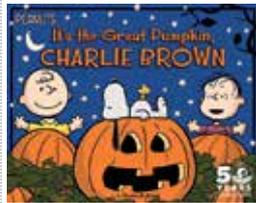
SATURDAY

1 Set the mood with a walk through the lighted, wooded Halloween "Fantasy Trail" at Wenzel Farm in Oregon City. Open every day this month, with nighttime hours from 7 pm-10 pm. \$6 adults, \$5 kids, cash only.



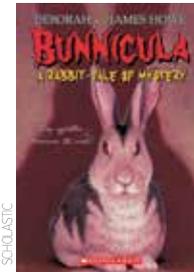
2 Head to the Troutdale Library to design a pumpkin-face stencil, guided by the pros from Puppetkabob. (Pro tip: Bring an old t-shirt for your kids to wear as a smock.) 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. Free.

3 It is so heart-warming that Linus never, ever gives up hope, even in the face of widespread ridicule. Cuddle up with the kids and watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. It's sure to be streaming somewhere.



4 Planning on making a home-made Halloween costume for the big night? Start now – browse the Interwebs for inspiration. (Pro tip: Google no-sew costumes if, like us, you want the easy way out.)

5 Reserve those Halloween-themed books at the library now, before they're gone. Our picks: *Bunnica* for the big kids, and *Click, Clack, Boo!* for the littles.



6 Critics pick Milburn's Haunted Manor in Hubbard, Ore., as one of the scariest around. Go see for yourself on opening night. portlandhauntedhouse.blogspot.com.



7 Celebrate the oldest apple tree in the Pacific Northwest at Fort Vancouver's aptly named Old Apple Tree Festival. Show up early enough, and your family can score a cutting from the oldest apple tree to plant at home. Pro tip: Bring apples and you can participate in the community apple cider pressing. 11 am-3 pm.

8 Head to Davis Graveyard in Milwaukie for their once-a-year open house to marvel at how they pull off all those special effects. (Go back later in the month at night for the full experience.) davisgraveyard.com.



9 Ready to hit a pumpkin patch? Check out our online guide at pdxparent.com to find the perfect fit for your family. PDX Parent managing editor Denise Castañon recommends Plumper Pumpkins in Beaverton.



10 Admission is just \$4 all day today at the Oregon Zoo. Seek out the creepiest animals there – we recommend the bats, because eek! Pro tip: Take Tri-Met there and get another \$1.50 off your ticket price.

11 Good on you if you've been able to resist the siren call of pumpkin spice lattes so far. Instead, make pumpkin muffins at home with the kids.



12 How are those plans to DIY the Halloween costumes coming along? If you're coming up short, try heading to your local Goodwill, where the costume supply shouldn't be too picked over yet.



13 Hit up Portland Nursery's annual apple-tasting festival and pick your favorite of dozens of varieties. Stick around for the kid crafts, including mini-pumpkin decorating. 10 am-5 pm, at the Stark Street location, this week-end and next.

14 Everyone and their mama heads to Sauvie Island

around this time of year to find the perfect pumpkin, leading to crazy long lines of traffic. Wait until late afternoon/twilight and things will have eased up, plus you can stick around and try to find your way out of the "maize" at The Pumpkin Patch.



Day trip to the Hood River valley for apple and pear picking, the hay maze at Kiyokawa Family Orchards and the city's big Harvest Fest down by the Columbia River.

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DENISE CASTAÑON

Time to get serious about decorating the yard. Head to the Lippman Company's flagship store on Southeast Yamhill for over-the-top Halloween decor.

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Practice those killer *Thriller* dance moves for the annual citywide Zombiewalk, coming up at the end of the month in inner NE Portland on October 28 at 3 pm. Follow [@thrilltheworld.portland](#) for more info.

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THRILL THE WORLD, PORTLAND

What's that? The Goodwill let you down and the make-your-own costume thing just isn't happening? Crack open those Halloween costume catalogues that your kids have been poring over for weeks and succumb. We've been there.

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DUKES AND DUCHESSSES

Your kids will need a treat bag to go with that costume you just ordered. Make it yourselves out of duct tape to make up for that whole costume disaster. There's a handy tutorial here: [dukesandduchesses.com/a-duct-tape-trick-or-treat-bag/](#)

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Portland Parks kicks off their season of monster mashes at local community centers tonight with a bash at Peninsula Park Community Center in NoPo. Follow them on social media for info about the party in your neck of the woods.



CITY OF PORTLAND

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For sheer spectacle, it's hard to beat the West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta on the lakefront in downtown Tualatin. Kids can break out their costumes, too, for a contest.



CITY OF TUALATIN

If you've avoided picking out your pumpkins until now, put it off no longer. Head to Fazio Farms in NE Portland for a great selection, plus plenty of kid-friendly activities.

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Remember that pumpkin you bought yesterday? Time to carve it. **Pro tip:** Roast all the pumpkin seeds you dig out for a super-tasty snack.

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Take a walk around the neighborhood at dusk and pick your favorite Halloween-decor house. The big day is only 6 days away, so most people should be ready by now.

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It's EEK week at the Portland Children's Museum. Think pumpkin scavenger hunts, spooky story-times and spider web string art — perfect for babies and toddlers who aren't into scary stuff.

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PORTLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Your kids will REALLY want to wear their costumes by now. Let them try them on and take all the pictures you want now.

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Find the sweetness in the spooky at the Micha-EI school's annual Halloween Enchantment, at their Milwaukie campus from 5 pm-8 pm. Kids meet gently costumed characters, and get natural treats along the way. **Pro tip:** Tickets sell fast, don't wait too long!

Treat your little ones to the Penny's Puppets production of *Sweet Tooth the Ghost*. (Bonus: Kiddos are encouraged to wear their costumes!) 10:30 am, Fremont Theater. \$5.

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Test out your orienteering skills at Sherwood's Magness Tree Farm's 20th annual Halloween Vampire-O event. Come in costume and get ready to collect as many points as possible (but keep an eye out for the vampires, who are out to steal your points back from you.) The course opens at noon, Halloween-themed snacks are served at 1 pm and there's an awards ceremony for the top finishers at 3:30. More info at [croc.org](#).

Serious fun at the Oregon Zoo today with the annual "Howloween" event. Break out those costumes and let the kids try the scavenger hunt — deforestation-free candy and other treats await at each station.

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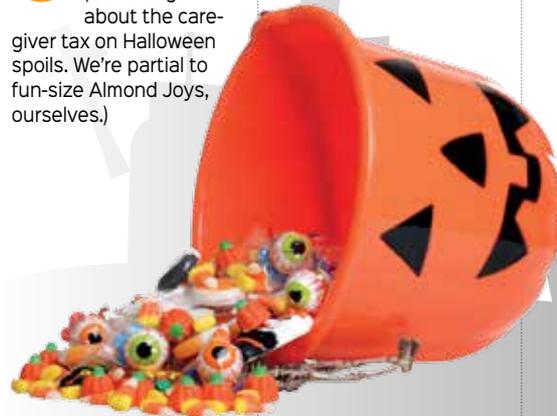
Feed the kids a lot of green vegetables today. Tomorrow is basically a lost cause.

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Trick or treat! (Don't forget about the caregiver tax on Halloween spoils. We're partial to fun-size Almond Joys, ourselves.)

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For more Halloween ideas, check out our fall fun calendar: [pdxparent.com/2017-fall-fun](#)

