



THE MEADOWS
At Historic Castle Rock.

Punkin' chuckin' Saturday, October 23

The Meadows 8th Annual Punkin' Chuckin' Competition Frequently Asked Questions

One of the most unique events in The Meadows, the 8th Annual Meadows Punkin' Chuckin' returns!

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Q1: What is Punkin' Chuckin'?

From Wikipedia

Punkin' Chuckin' (also called Pumpkin Chunkin' and pumpkin chucking) is the action of hurling a pumpkin in a competition by mechanical means over distances greater than those of other competitors.

Q2: Where does The Meadows Punkin' Chuckin' take place?

In the field west of New Hope Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Red Hawk Drive and Meadows Blvd in Castle Rock.

Q3: What are the directions to the event?

The Meadows is located about 16 miles south of the Denver Tech Center, and about 38 miles north of Colorado Springs. Take I-25 to Meadows/ Founders Parkway Exit 184 and go west about a mile. The field is located directly west of New Hope Presbyterian Church (2100 Meadows Blvd Castle Rock, CO 80109)

Q4: What time does the event begin?

The event will run from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Q5: What time should spectators arrive at the event?

Spectators should plan on arriving between 9:30- 10:00. Spectators must remain behind the fenced area. Spectators will also not be allowed in the machine area. Please follow all signs for the safety of everyone!

Q6: How do we enter a machine?

Registration forms can be found on www.MeadowsLink.com.

Q7: Do machines have to be complicated to work?

No! This is a really fun event.

For inspiration on building a machine visit

<http://www.trebuchet.com/>

or

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/transport/engines-equipment/question5021.htm>

Q8: What are the rules of the contest?

Visit www.MeadowsLink.com for full rules and regulations.

Q9: How are the machines classified?

Machines will be classified as

Trebuchet- type of catapult that works by using the energy of a raised counterweight to throw the projectile

Slingshot- hand-powered projectile weapon. The forked Y-shaped frame has two strips attached to the uprights, leading back to a pocket for holding the projectile.

Centrifugal Force- is a mechanism that uses reactive centrifugal force to accelerate projectiles to high speeds.

Q10: What time should teams arrive at the event?

Teams may start arriving at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you need additional time to set up your machine please contact the event coordinator

Q11: Are pumpkins provided to the Teams?

Yes- each team will be provided with “pie pumpkins” or pumpkins that are between 4-5 pounds for the test shot and the competition shots. Additional pumpkins, if available, will be for free form shots.

Q12: *What prizes will be awarded to the winning teams?*

The teams that throw the Third Longest, Second Longest and Longest pumpkin will win cash and other prizes!

Q13: *This sounds like a cool event, can I volunteer?*

Yes! We have several volunteer positions available including Team Check-In, Judges, Event Security. Contact Heather Kreider at hkreider@Meadowlink.com for additional information.