



**GREAT PUMPKINS,
GOOD TIMES**

This year's Giant Pumpkin Weigh-in begins at 9:15 a.m. today. CENTRALOHIO.COM

Annual Circleville show has drawn as many as 400,000 yearly visitors

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CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

For a full schedule and history of the festival, visit pumpkinshow.com.

TODAY

- Gus the Squash Carver will perform giant pumpkin sculpting demonstrations from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Circleville-Pickaway Visitors Pavilion, where the Pumpkin Show Community Band will perform from 6 to 7 p.m.
- The Little Miss Pumpkin Show Parade will march through the festival beginning at 3:30 p.m., and the Miss Pumpkin Show Parade kicks off at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Dr. Robert Liggett, of Circleville, will share his art of growing giant pumpkins during a presentation from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Circleville-Pickaway Visitors Pavilion. The Circleville High School jazz band will perform from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at the same location, where students from the Graham School of Irish Dancing will take the stage from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- The Main Street Stage will host a performance from the YMCA Dance Academy at 12:30 p.m., live music from the Sterling Bluegrass Boys at 2 p.m. and an egg toss competition from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- A youth magic show will take place from 1 to 1:15 p.m. at the Pickaway-Franklin Street Stage, where the Logan High School band will perform at 6:15 p.m., followed by the Westfall High School band at 7 p.m.
- Thursday's street parades include the Baby Parade from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the Parade of Bands from 8 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Several activities are scheduled throughout the day at the Circleville-Pickaway Visitors Pavilion, including a visit from the Columbus Zoo from noon to 12:45 p.m., a performance from Ohio Christian University's Chorale-Pickaway Community Chorus at 5 p.m. and the Pumpkin Show Community Band entertaining at 6 p.m.
- Performances on the Main Street Stage include live folk music from Tim O'Connor at noon, acoustic music from Paige Evans and Jed Combs at 2 p.m., easy listening and country music from Mothman at 4:30 p.m. and country music from Senba Jordan at 6:30 p.m.
- The Pet Parade will entertain onlookers from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the Parade of Fraternal and Civic Organizations is from 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- The festival's final day begins with the Circleville Pumpkin Show Classic 5-Mile Run beginning at 9 a.m. at Circleville High School.
- The Circleville-Pickaway Visitors Pavilion will host performances from the Roundtown Ringers Chime Choir at 11 a.m., the Teays River Cloggers at 3 p.m., the Graham School of Irish Dancing at 4 p.m., the Pickaway Brass at 5 p.m. and the Adelphi Community Band at 6 p.m.
- Children age 15 and younger can take part in a pumpkin pie-eating contest slated from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Main Street Stage, where youth and adults 16 and older can demonstrate their best hop-calling during a contest from 5:30 to 5:30 p.m. The band After Midnight will rock the stage from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a variety of country music performers from 9 to 10:30 p.m.
- The Queen's Parade will travel the streets of Circleville at 8 p.m. to wrap up the festival.

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