

# Bring your class to the **PUMPKIN PATCH**

Dear Teachers and School Administrators:

We invite you to bring your classes to the Pumpkin Patch at the First Church of Port Orange for a Free Field trip! Come see an array of beautiful pumpkins and have your very own, interactive classroom field trip, for FREE, right in the patch! Our theme this year is:



Your students will be immersed in an interactive story about Harvest from other continents around the world.

**50 Minute Tours are available at 9a, 10a, 11a and 12p;**  
Tuesdays - Fridays, beginning October 9th  
and continuing until October 31st, 2024  
*(We're sorry, but we are not offering any Field Trips on Mondays.)*

If interested, book online at [firstchurchpo.org/pumpkinpatch](http://firstchurchpo.org/pumpkinpatch) or call our office before October 10th at (386) 767-6161. Multiple class schools (ie. Public Elementary Schools) can book full days if you hurry. Spots fill fast and are on a first come basis. Geared for Pre-K through 1st Grade.

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## Things we have an understanding about;

- We apologize, but appointments cannot be taken after October 17, 2024
- Field Trip slots will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Online registration site goes live on 9/13 at 8:00am. (Returning guests, check your email!)
- The field trip will include downloadable cPALMS standards connected with your class's field trip as well as additional classroom resources to be used at school. Those links will be/are available at the pumpkin patch website (see below).
- The most efficient way to register is online at [firstchurchpo.org/pumpkinpatch](http://firstchurchpo.org/pumpkinpatch)
- If you choose to call the office and there is no one to take your call, please leave your name, school, contact number, the number of children you wish to bring, and the date/time you wish to come. We'll return your call ASAP w/ your confirmation.
- If you need to cancel your date please try to call the church office ASAP or do so online at the registration site (listed above). You may reschedule your visit to another open time slot only if it is before October 17, 2024.
- Our facility can only facilitate 54 students maximum per hour. If you are a public school, please be considerate of our limited resources and do not schedule more than the max per hour. If you wish to register more than 54, you may book multiple hours or the complete day if available and we will work with you on the scheduling.
- It is mandatory that children wear closed toe shoes while visiting the pumpkin patch.
- There is only 1 patch volunteers leading a class during your visit so it's imperative that chaperones (1 adult/8 children) are supervising the children and assisting.
- The field trip is free, however teachers may desire their children to purchase "Spookie" pumpkins [Softball Size Pumpkins] for \$3 each. Children will receive a free page of Face Stickers (normally 50¢) with the Spookie Pumpkins purchase.
- A water fountain and restrooms are available if needed.
- We will work with schools that need to stagger field trips and book the whole morning (9a-1p). There are options for on campus lunches in our Hall for large groups.
- Pictures are encouraged with our patch tagged in them.

*Finally, we are aware some parents may have concerns that you are taking your classroom to a "church" pumpkin patch. First Church is sensitive to those concerns and wants to reassure you that FUMC will in no way teach or read religious material to your class. The field trip brings your students into a story and it is related to pumpkins and harvest time. All field trips are held outdoors in the pumpkin patch.*

*Children will not need to enter the church building except for restrooms/ water or in case of inclement weather IF such concerns are an issue.*

*Please inform the person taking your reservation if you have any of these concerns or list them in the message box on the online registration form.*



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