

Monmouth County Park System

Thompson Park Day

Sunday, October 18, 2026
11 a.m.-5 p.m.



New Pet Parade and Costume Contest

The registration fee is \$10 per dog.

Participants may enter only one category due to limited space. Pre-registration is required. The Pet Parade will begin promptly at 11 am and costume contest will take place immediately following the parade.

Scarecrow Contest

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The registration fee is \$10 per scarecrow.

Pre-registration guarantees a scarecrow frame. Day-of-registration available while supplies last and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spooktacular Jack O' Lantern

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$10 per pumpkin.

Pre-registration guarantees a pumpkin. Day-of-registration available while supplies last and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register for these events see page 2.

Kids' Races:

Diaper Derby

Crawlers: 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Tot Trot

Walkers to 17 months: 11:45 a.m.,
2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

18 to 23 months: 11:30 a.m.,
1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

2 to 3 years: 2:15 p.m.,
3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Pee Wee Run

4 to 6 years: 1:15 p.m.,
2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Sack Races

7 to 8 years: 3 p.m.

9 to 10 years: 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

Free Admission • Free Parking

What's Happening:

Food Vendors • Make & Take Crafters

Free Activities:

Entertainment • Zany Zombies • Corn Husk Ghosts

Nature on the Move and Spooky Insect Craft • Kids' Races

Pie Eating Contests: Kids - 12:30 p.m. & Adults - 12:45 p.m.

Spider Zone • LEGO® and Giant Games • Wagon Rides • Mural Design

Pottery Demonstrations • Art Gallery • Putting Green

Golfrilla (weather permitting) • Halloween Touch-A-Truck

4H Photos with Small Animals • Petting Farm

Historic Racing Stable Guided Tours: 12 p.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. or
open for unguided leisure

*Rides/Activities requiring tickets or a wristband

Tickets \$1/each (rides are 2 tickets per person),

Wristbands \$10/each, Sheets of 25 tickets \$20

Rides/Attractions	Height Requirement	Ticket/Wristband Info.
Mini Teacups	32"	Wristband or 2 tickets
Farm Obstacle Course	32"	Wristband or 2 tickets
Dixie Twister	32"	Wristband or 2 tickets
Trackless Train	N/A	Wristband or 2 tickets
Haunted Maze	N/A	Wristband or 2 tickets
Spooky Slide	N/A	Wristband or 2 tickets
Climbing Wall	42"	Wristband or 2 tickets
Archery	42"	Wristband or 2 tickets
Pumpkin Toss Game	N/A	1 ticket
3 Barks Toss	N/A	1 ticket
Ceramics at Creative Arts Center	N/A	2 tickets
Pumpkin Painting	N/A	4 tickets

Entertainment Schedule:

Theater Barn

12 p.m. - Pete Magic's Harvest Hocus Pocus

2 p.m. - Yosi's Dino Kids Rock Concert

4 p.m. - Tricks, Treats and Beats

Strolling Performers

12 - 4 p.m. Funny Factory Balloon Twisterz (Outside the Theatre Barn)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Itsy BIGSY Spider

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Haystack Hank

2 - 4 p.m. Poppy Bubbles the Fall Fairy

For more information about
Monmouth County Park System programs and parks:
732-842-4000, ext. 4312
www.MonmouthCountyParks.com

Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners • Board of Recreation Commissioners

Celebrate Autumn with the Monmouth County Park System!

Family Events at Thompson Park Day

Sunday, October 18, 2026

11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Thompson Park

805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

www.MonmouthCountyParks.com



Scarecrow Contest!



11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration fee is
\$10 per scarecrow.

Scarecrow Contest U1864A

Getting ready for Halloween this year can be extra special when you make your own scarecrow at Thompson Park Day. The annual Scarecrow Contest will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Park System will provide the framework and stuffing. You provide the rest including the face, outer covering (clothes, costume, etc.) and imagination. Ribbons will be awarded, and the scarecrow is yours to take home. The registration fee is \$10 per scarecrow. (Pre-registration guarantees a scarecrow frame. Day-of-registration available while supplies last and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.)

[Click here for Scarecrow Contest registration.](#)



Decorating Contest: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Registration fee is \$10 per pumpkin.

Spooktacular Jack O' Lantern U1964A

Get the whole family together for this exciting addition to Thompson Park Day. The Park System will provide the pumpkin, decorations, and carving tools. Your family provides the creativity as they carve their way into the judge's sights. The contest will run from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., with judging starting at exactly 2:30 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded, and the pumpkin will be yours to take home. The registration fee is \$10 per pumpkin. Pre-registration guarantees a pumpkin. Day-of-registration while supplies last.

[Click here for Spooktacular Jack O' Lantern registration.](#)



New Pet Parade and Costume Contest

Bring your canine friend to Thompson Park Day for a fun-filled Pet Parade and Costume Contest, presented in collaboration with Monmouth County 4-H! Show off your pet's Halloween spirit as they parade in costume and compete for prizes! The Pet Parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m. and the Costume Contest will take place immediately following the parade. Judges will award one prize per category. Participants may enter only one category due to limited space. Pre-registration is required.

Categories: Most Creative Costume G0364A

Best Pet & Human Duo G0464A

Cutest Costume G0564A

[Click here for Pet Parade and Costume Contest registration.](#)

Register online at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call
732-842-4000, ext.1, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For more information on Thompson Park Day activities,
visit our website at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.

This program/fundraiser/contest is not endorsed by the Board of Education in your school district.