

HAUNTINGLY GOOD HALLOWEEN FUN

Trick Or Treat! Halloween Fun For The Whole Family

(NAPSA)—Halloween is the season for imagination and family fun and families are doing more than ever to celebrate the spooky season. According to Vicki Rhodes, Halloween expert and author of *Pumpkin Decorating*, one popular Halloween trend is a focus on the comfort of home and spending time with family. “Families are doing more than ever to celebrate Halloween,” said Rhodes. “From homemade haunted houses to elaborate pumpkins, this is the perfect time of year to bring the family together with festive parties and creative arts and crafts projects.”

Another Halloween trend to look for according to Rhodes is elaborate and impressive pumpkins. No longer made by simply carving three triangles and a crooked smile, jack o’ lanterns everywhere are getting a face-lift. To help, Hershey’s is offering a fun alternative to pumpkin carving using a Halloween staple—candy. According to the Halloween experts at The Hershey Company, “Candy is never in short supply this time of year and it is the perfect tool for creating extraordinary pumpkin creations, from witches to vampires and even self-portraits.” Watch the creativity flow as your family uses *Twizzlers* for the hair, *Reese’s* peanut butter



cup for the eyes and *Whoppers* for the nose. Craft items, such as pipe cleaners, felt and glitter, also can be used to enhance your pumpkin designs.

Proud of your family’s pumpkin decorating talents? You can enter your pumpkins in the *Hershey’s Sweeten Up Your Pumpkin™ Decorating Contest*. This contest encourages kids, families and decorating experts across the country to send in pictures of their creative Hershey’s-decorated pumpkins for a chance to win one of ten \$10,000 prizes. Additional information about the contest can be found at Halloween store displays, inside bags of *Hershey’s Pumpkin Decorating Mix* or at www.hersheys.com.

In addition to impressive pumpkins, intricate costumes and overflowing trick-or-treat bags, here are a few festive activities to bring the family together this haunted holiday:

- Throw a Halloween-themed party and invite the neighborhood kids. Allow your family’s imagination to run wild as you brainstorm fun games and creative projects for the party. Bake imaginative treats and make sure everyone comes dressed in his or her favorite costume. For fun and spooky Halloween party ideas, visit www.trickortreats.com.

- Ghost Busting: Create a petrifying piñata by filling a brown paper bag with Halloween treats. Close the top of the bag by folding several inches over a wire clothes hanger, and give your piñata a ghostly persona by gluing on lengths of white streamers. Draw ghost features on the bag and hang in an area that is clear of furniture. Players can take turns swinging at the piñata with a ‘witch’s broomstick’ until the piñata breaks and it’s treat time.

- Find unique ways to decorate your home. For example, fill clear latex gloves with pink and white pieces of *Good & Plenty* candy and tie them off at the end. Let your kids place their favorite costume rings on the fingers and place them throughout the house for a spooky effect.

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