

Punkin Chunkin Colorado



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Punkin Chunkin?

Punkin Chunkin is Aurora's signature pumpkin launching competition and fall festival that attracts Punkin Chunkin teams and attendees from around the nation. Enjoy local brews, food, a variety of live music, fun activities for the kids and more.

What's in store for 2017?

The 2017 Punkin Chunkin Colorado will be the 20th year for this unique annual event! Mark your calendars for October 8 and 9 – the competition is expected to be bigger than ever with more youth and adult teams expected from around the country. Musical acts and other live performances will run throughout the day and into Saturday night and all the fall festival staples will still be a prominent feature of the event, ranging from face painting to pony rides to pumpkin patches. Stay tuned for updates as the full festival line-up is confirmed!

How is the Punkin Chunkin competition scored?

Teams compete in divisions based on their type of Punkin launching machine (air cannon, trebuchet, catapult, centrifugal, youth). The teams collectively choose, before each round, if their launches for that round will be claimed towards their score. Each team launches three claimed scores per day and tries to chunk the farthest distance in their division. Winners are chosen for the farthest launch in each division and one overall distance winner.

Is this event family friendly?

Absolutely! There are tons of musical performances, crafts, activities, and food all geared toward families.

Is the event accessible?

YES! We have designated accessible parking in close proximity to the entrance and all of our vendors are accessible.

Are pets allowed?

No. For the safety of the animals, pets must be left at home.

Are credit cards accepted and are there ATMs available on site?

Cash and major credit cards are accepted and several ATMs will be located throughout the venue. Some vendors may choose not to accept credit cards so please plan accordingly.

May I bring my own food and drinks?

Yes, you may bring your own food and/or non-alcoholic beverages on site but we highly recommend the quality food and beverage options from our vendors. Glass containers and alcohol are not allowed.

May I setup a tent?

No. For the enjoyment of all of our guests no tents, beach umbrellas or other temporary structures may be set up on the event site.

What if it rains?

Punkin Chunkin will occur rain or shine including all live musical acts and activities. However, if there is severe weather or lightning strikes nearby, event management may issue a warning to take refuge in your vehicles. Activities will resume 30 minutes after the storm has safely left the area. The city will post weather information on the city of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space's Facebook page.

How can I get involved?

There are several ways to become involved in Punkin Chunkin, if you would like to work behind the scenes, we are looking for volunteers! To inquire about our volunteer program, please contact Krystle Berkey at 303.739.7889 or kberkey@auroragov.org.