

## Halloween Activities

**Halloween Pictionary** Put slips of paper with Halloween objects written on them into a bag. Divide players into 2 groups. Decide which team will go first. One player from that team picks a slip of paper from the hat. The player draws the object on a white board, easel or scratch paper, trying to get their team members to guess the object. If the team guesses correctly before time runs out, they score a point. If the playing team does not guess correctly the other team has ten seconds to try to come up with the correct answer. If they guess correctly, they score a point and it is their turn to play. The team with the most points win.



**Halloween Photo Booth** Photo booths are always fun. Set up a themed Halloween photo booth with costumes, mood lighting, spider webs, and creepy props. Have your residents pose for the camera. Use a digital camera and create a spooky slideshow for your residents and their families to enjoy.



**Halloween Slime** We are sure very few of your residents have had the hands-on experience of playing with slime. [Make your own slime](#) and let your residents explore.

**Toilet Paper Mummies** This is a fun activity to include staff or young visitors. Divide the group into smaller teams. Choose one person to be the mummy (preferably staff or guest). Have the other participants completely wrap them in toilet paper from head to toe. Take lots of pictures!





**Spider Races** You will need small plastic spiders, a milkshake straw, and masking tape. On flat surface or table, mark the finish line with tape. Players try to get their spiders across the finish line first by blowing through the straw.

**Candy Corn Guess** Fill a small jar with candy corn (be sure to count them first). Ask your residents to guess how many are in the jar. The closest guess wins the candy jar.

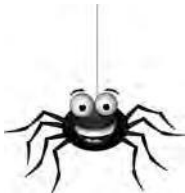


**Poke a Pumpkin** Create this [Poke a Pumpkin](#) game for your residents or for young visitors. Everyone wins!



**Halloween Mystery Box** Are your residents up for a creepy activity? Create [Halloween Mystery Boxes](#), where participants get a chance to feel “monster ears,” “witch fingers,” or “eyeballs.”

**Halloween Storytime** Invite a group of children in for a buddy reading activity. Children and residents can take turns reading books to each other. There are many entertaining Halloween themed books to choose from, including *Stella Luna*, *Big Pumpkin*, *The Halloween Tree*, *Franklin’s Halloween*, *The Witches*, *Pumpkin Jack*.



**Scavenger Hunt** Hide mini pumpkins and small plastic spiders throughout your community. Residents can work in teams or individually to collect the most items.

**Halloween Film Fest** Horror movies are always popular viewing for Halloween and there are some classics, such as *Dracula*, *The Haunting*, *Poltergeist*, *Psycho*, *Rosemary's Baby*, *Bride of Frankenstein*, and *The Shining*. For those not interested in horror, there are other Halloween-themed choices, like *Goonies*, *Hocus Pocus*, *Monsters Inc.* *Corpse Bride*, *The Nightmare before Christmas*, *The Haunted Mansion*, *Beetlejuice*, *The Sixth Sense*, *Addams Family Values*, and *The Birds*.



**Ghost Stories** How many of your residents spent summer evenings telling ghost stories with their friends and family? Dim the lights and grab a flash light. Sit in a circle and share scary stories.

**Plant a Pumpkin Patch** This activity should be started in May or June. Give your residents pumpkin seeds and a plot of land to grow their pumpkins. See who can grow the largest pumpkin, the most unusual shape, tallest, most perfect, etc.



**Jack O' Lanterns** One of the many Halloween traditions is carving pumpkins into Jack O' Lanterns. Hold a pumpkin carving session with your residents. You may also choose to be creative by decorating uncarved pumpkins with paint and other embellishments.

**Roasted Pumpkin Seeds** After carving the pumpkins, don't toss the seeds. Follow this [recipe](#) to create a delicious snack of roasted pumpkin seeds.





**Scarecrows** Decorate your community with original scarecrows. Provide your residents with old clothing, straw for stuffing, a broomstick for support, and material and markers to create the face. Don't forget the hat. Display the scarecrows throughout the fall season.

**Trick or Treat** Invite young visitors to come trick or treating at your community. Supply residents with treats and have the children dress in costume and trick or treat to each room. Be sure to take pictures.

