



Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta™
Pumpkin Pledge
Additional Information

Damariscotta Pumpkinfest™ is a community-wide festival that is held in early October for ten days through Columbus Day. The Atlantic Giant Pumpkin “Seedling Sunday” plant giveaway is Pumpkinfest’s kick-off event in May. The 600 Atlantic Giant Pumpkin seedlings that are given away become the grand daddies of the pumpkin patch and are featured at Pumpkinfest’s events. The ambitious goal is to collectively grow 500 pumpkins averaging 100 pounds each for a total of 50,000 pounds of pumpkin !

Damariscotta Pumpkinfest™ gives pumpkin growers an additional opportunity to give back to the community. Each volunteer grower has the opportunity to raise money for their favorite local non-profit organization, and to make Pumpkinfest better than ever by securing sponsorships for their pumpkin.

The Pumpkin Pledge Sheet that comes with each pumpkin plant provides space for volunteer growers to obtain pledge sponsors for their pumpkin. Pledges for the pumpkin may be collected from individual pledge-sponsors throughout the growing season. Pledges may be based on either a specified amount per pound for the pumpkin (for example, “a penny a pound”) or a flat rate (minimum of \$5.00 please). (Please remember that should the pumpkin not reach the October weigh-off, the flat rate pledges still should be honored and collected!)

NOTE: Growers should remind their pumpkin sponsors to pledge wisely – “a dime per pound” pledge on a 1,000 pound pumpkin equates to a \$100 donation!

At the end of the growing season in early October, each grower will obtain an official weight for their pumpkin either at the volunteer grower’s weigh-off, or at the official GPC sanctioned weigh-off, or from a remote weigh-in on a certified scale with a witness other than the grower.

Based on the official weight, each volunteer grower will collect their pledges from their pumpkin’s sponsors. Half of the pledge will go to the non-profit organization designated by the volunteer grower, and the other half will go to defray the cost of the events which comprise Damariscotta Pumpkinfest.

Pledges should be collected immediately after the final weigh-off and remitted to Sarah Maurer, Treasurer, Damariscotta Pumpkinfest™, P.O. Box 1101, Damariscotta, ME 04543-1101.

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