What Halloween is all about!!!









History

• Evolving from the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain, modern Halloween has become less about literal ghosts and more about costumes and candy. The Celts used the day to mark the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, and also believed that this transition between the seasons was a bridge to the world of the dead.

Etymology

• Halloween also known as All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It initiates the time dedicated to remembering the dead, including <u>saints</u> (hallows), <u>martyrs</u>, and all the faithful departed believers. The traditional focus of All Hallows' Eve revolves around the theme of using "humor and ridicule to confront the power of death."

Typical festive Halloween activities include <u>trick-or-treating</u> (or the related "guising"), attending costume parties, decorating, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting <u>haunted house attractions</u>, playing <u>pranks</u>, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church <u>services</u> and lighting <u>candles</u> on the <u>graves</u> of the dead.

Halloween and Games





Donut Eating Race

Eating donuts has never been so fun! Hang several donuts with string from a tree branch or a sturdy rod. Blindfold the contestants and, on the count of three, have each player try to eat their donut — the first one to finish wins!



Mummy Wrap

This game will leave you all wrapped up!

Divide your party-goers into teams of two, and give each a roll of toilet paper, white crepe paper, or fabric. At the sound of the music, one team member must wrap the other from head to toe (leaving the head free and not binding the arms to the body.)

Once completely wrapped, the "mummy" must run to cross the finish line before the others.



What's in the ball?

Spaghetti brains.

Jell-O guts! This classic guessing game will leave everyone screaming (from fun, of course)!

Grape eye balls. Fill separate bowls with prepared Jell-O or pudding, peeled grapes, cold spaghetti, and anything else you can think of that feels slimy and gross. Nobody should be able to peek inside, and then have everyone try to guess what it is they're touching.



Bobbing for Apples

No Halloween party is complete without this classic game. Fill a round, shallow bucket with water, add some apples and let the fun begin. Remember no hands allowed!



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