

GREATER DFW

# Things to Do

OCTOBER  
2026

## Carve a Pumpkin

The October tradition never fails to be enjoyable! Simply get yourself a few good pumpkins, get your carving tools and have some fun. It's also a great idea to roast the seeds afterwards!

[housebeautiful.com/entertaining/holidays-celebrations/g2530/pumpkin-carving-ideas/](https://housebeautiful.com/entertaining/holidays-celebrations/g2530/pumpkin-carving-ideas/)

## Visit a Pumpkin Patch

Get the most out of the season by going to a local pumpkin patch; you can enjoy hayrides, explore corn mazes, try some fall treats, and have plenty of chances to find the perfect pumpkin.

[dfwchild.com/the-best-pumpkin-patches-in-dallas-fort-worth](https://dfwchild.com/the-best-pumpkin-patches-in-dallas-fort-worth)

## Make a Costume

This Halloween why not try making your own costume? It's a lot of fun to produce costumes at home and gets the entire family taking part while allowing you to create something special.

[goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/halloween-ideas](https://goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/halloween-ideas)

## 2026 Dallas Buddy Walk®

The Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas will be taking part in the 2026 Dallas Buddy Walk® on October 18 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Riders Field in Frisco; the awareness walk itself will start at 2 PM and there will be family-friendly activities during the afternoon.

[downsyndromedallas.org/calendar/2026dallasbuddywalk](https://downsyndromedallas.org/calendar/2026dallasbuddywalk)

## McKinney Wine & Music Festival

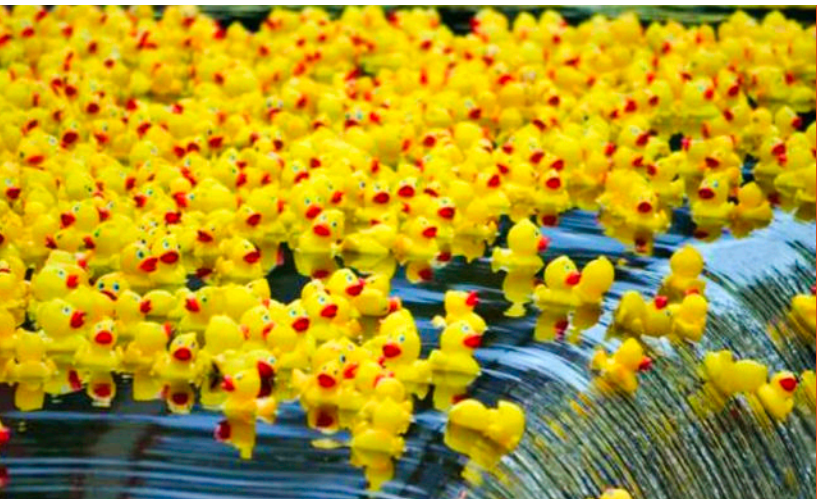
Enjoy a few hours of wine and live music at the 10th Annual McKinney Wine & Music Festival on October 24, 2026; the event will be held at District 121 and include over 100 wines as well as three live bands.

[mckinneywinefestival.com](https://mckinneywinefestival.com)

## Try a Healthy Halloween Recipe

Some of these recipes may sound a bit crazy. Mix it up a little and try out some of these cute Halloween-themed snacks that are sure to be tasty while also healthy.

[activekids.com/food-and-nutrition/articles/16-healthy-halloween-treats-for-kids/slide-17](https://activekids.com/food-and-nutrition/articles/16-healthy-halloween-treats-for-kids/slide-17)



## Rubber Duck Regatta & Jeep Festival

The Rubber Duck Regatta & Jeep Festival will be taking place at The Harbor in Rockwall on October 10-11, 2026, featuring a Kids Zone, food vendors, live entertainment, and the well-known rubber duck race, which starts at 4:30pm.

[rockwallduckrace.org](https://rockwallduckrace.org)



## River Legacy Fall Festival

To celebrate the season in the fall, River Legacy is holding its Fall Festival on October 10, 2026, with events running from 10 AM to 7 PM in Arlington. The festival will feature live music, games, food, a pumpkin patch, outdoor activities, and other attractions, all while supporting environmental education. [riverlegacy.org/events/fall-festival](https://riverlegacy.org/events/fall-festival)

## Celebrate Prosper: Hometown Harvest Fair

This is the perfect occasion to celebrate the season at Prosper's annual Hometown Harvest Fair! At Frontier Park you can enjoy hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo, fall crafts, live music, local vendors, food trucks and other family-friendly activities. [prosper.tx.gov](https://prosper.tx.gov)

## Pet Fest in Trophy Club

On October 3, 2026, bring your four-legged friends to Pet Fest at Freedom Dog Park. There will be pet vendors, contests, activities, adoptable dogs, and other family-friendly entertainment. Entry is free! [trophyclub.org/298/Pet-Fest](https://trophyclub.org/298/Pet-Fest)



## Huffhines Harvest Fest

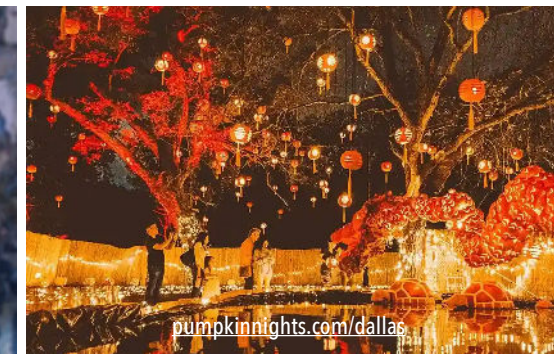
Have a pleasant weekend of fall activities! You can browse crafts and artworks offered by local vendors, enjoy live entertainment, eat some food, take part in seasonal events, and experience family-friendly amusement in the park. It is a good way of making the most of the fall weather while at the same time supporting local artists and businesses. [huffhinesharvestfest.com](https://huffhinesharvestfest.com)

## Fall Cocktails

Now is the time to try some fall cocktails. Get the cinnamon, ciders, and other fall refreshments out to create a refreshing festive beverage. [foodandwine.com/cocktails-spirits/fall-cocktails](https://foodandwine.com/cocktails-spirits/fall-cocktails)

## DFW Italian Heritage & Food Festival

The DFW Italian Heritage & Food Festival will take place at Levy Event Plaza in Irving on October 10-11, 2026, offering the opportunity to celebrate Italian culture. You can enjoy authentic food, wine tastings, live performances and family-friendly activities. Entry is free. [dfwitalianfestival.com](https://dfwitalianfestival.com)



[pumpkinnights.com/dallas](https://pumpkinnights.com/dallas)

## DFW Fall Fest

There will be a free, family-friendly fall event at Frisco Fresh Market on October 17, 2026, running from 10 AM to 2 PM. It includes live entertainment, crafts, local vendors, fall treats, opportunities to take photos, and activities suitable for all ages. [dfwfallfest.com](https://dfwfallfest.com)

## Rotate Your Wardrobe

It's time to put away your summer clothes and pull out the sweat-ers! When you change the items in your closet to suit the season, you gain more space and it becomes easier to find the clothes you like in the fall.



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