



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## **Fun-Filled Halloween Activities Abound for the Entire Family During *Halloween Hoorah!* at The New York Botanical Garden**

**Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 25, celebrate the chills and thrills of Halloween and get ready for a host of exciting activities during *Halloween Hoorah!* at The New York Botanical Garden. Follow the map to activity stations set throughout the Garden where you can decorate pumpkins, view creepy, carnivorous plants, and make a mask to add to your Halloween costume, then show it all off in the Halloween Parade.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, discover the plant source of chocolate and taste delicious hot cocoa. In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden, decorate your own pumpkin and taste fresh-pressed apple cider. On Daffodil Hill, learn about the world of bats during a live animal presentation. The festivities begin at the Leon Levy Visitor Center or the Mosholu Gate entrance where children receive a goody bag to fill with objects they gather at different stations throughout the Garden. For more information visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) or call 718.817.8700.

### **Goody Bag Decoration and Carnivorous Plants**

*Ongoing*

*in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden and on Azalea Garden Way*

Decorate your treat bag with a sassafras leaf rubbing. See some carnivorous plants and watch others move! Create a mask that you can wear for the Halloween Parade.

### **Pumpkin Decorating and Apple Cider Demonstration**

*Ongoing*

*in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden*

Decorate your own pumpkin and taste apples pressed into cider.

### **Learn All about Chocolate**

*Ongoing*

*in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden*

Discover the plant source of the chocolate treats that you get on Halloween. Grind cacao nibs and warm up with a tasty sip of hot cocoa.

### **Join the Halloween Parades**

*12 and 2 p.m.*

*Begins at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden entrance*

During the parades led by Garden staff, both children and their parents can flaunt their own Halloween costumes.

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**Pumpkin Carving Demonstration**

12–3:30 p.m.

*in the Benenson Ornamental Conifers*

Watch pumpkins be transformed in front of your eyes. Learn how to carve your own masterpiece from a master pumpkin carver.

**Bats!**

4 and 5 p.m.

*on Daffodil Hill*

Learn about these amazing animals and discover that they aren't so scary after all. Four varieties of bats are featured in these live animal demonstrations.

While visiting the Garden, families can also enjoy *Kiku in the Japanese Autumn Garden* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, a *taiko* drumming performance on the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory lawn, and *Japanese Autumn Adventures* in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

The New York Botanical Garden encourages visitors to come dressed in their Halloween costumes and join the fun. Admission to *Halloween Hoorah!* is \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$7 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) Read the Botanical Garden's popular blog, Plant Talk: Inside The New York Botanical Garden at [www.nybg.org/wordpress](http://www.nybg.org/wordpress)

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