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Since Halloween 2014 is on Friday, your family will probably want to celebrate through the weekend. Lucky for us Phoenicicans, the Pumpkin and Chili Party at Schnepf Farm is all weekend long.



Growing up in Chicago, fall has always been a favorite of mine. And in the Valley, I celebrate fall with Hot Pumpkin Spice Lattes (with AC running to avoid sweating,) burn fall scent candles so my home smells like autumn (again, with the AC on high,) plan coordinating Halloween outfits, thrown butternut squash in the slow cooker to magically make soup...and drag my family to every pumpkin fest and autumn event in town, even with temperatures in the high 90's. So when I say that Schepf Farm offers the best fall event in town, I say it with authority.



Why so spectacular? Schnepf Farm is the one stop shop for everythingfamily friendly for fall, like hayrides, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, pony rides corn mazes, a farmhouse museum and pig races. As night rolls in, guests can sit by the bonfire and roast marshmallows and, on Friday and Saturday nights, watch the fireworks display. Like any proper fall fest, Schepf Farm also has carnival rides including a roller coaster, swinging lady bugz, honeybee adventure, flying farmers ride and, our families favorite, the carousel. If you enjoy shows, you can see the BMX Extreme Sports Show and the Extreme Canine Dog Show.



It's also a chili party, hence the name, so Schepf Farms has favorites like chili, grilled chicken breast, roasted corn on the cob, fresh made corn bread, all beef hot dogs, chili dogs and their new succotash: sweet onions, peppers, sweet corn and potatoes grilled on their custom 20?griddles.



If you can't make it this weekend, Schnepf Farm Fall/Winter Garden will be ready for picking on November 2. They'll have squash, green beans, cabbage, beets, lettuces, tomatoes, sugar snap peas and more. Plan a day at the farm with your family for some veggie picking fun.

PUMPKIN AND CHILI PARTY EVENT DETAILS

Dates: Today through November 2, 2014

Time: Thursdays & Sundays 10am to 9pm and Friday & Saturdays 10am to 10pm. Spectacular Firework Show every Friday & Saturday Night at 9:30pm

Price: Admission for the Pumpkin and Chili Party is \$17.00 plus tax. Children under 2 free. (*price does not include: Train Rides & Pony Rides, Food, Pumpkins and some crafts.)

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Location: 24810 South Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek, Arizona 85142

For more information, visit $\underline{www.schnepffarms.com}$.