HALLOWEEN STATIONS / CRAFTS:

Decorate a Cupcake or Cookie

Popcorn Gloves (or prepare in advance to hand out)

Have kids fill plastic gloves with popcorn. put one candycorn in each finger for the nails. tie off with a pipe cleaner.

Food:

- Spider Cupcakes
- Cupcakes with Spider Rings in them.
- Cheese Fingers
- Pumpkin shaped veggies and dip (carrots, cucumber, celery, etc.)
- Marshmallow Treats with Hallowen Sprikles
- Orange Food- ie, clementines, chips, etc.

Other:

- Tablecloths, Napkins, Spider Webs, Decorations
- Drinks
- Halloween Music

HALLOWEEN GAMES:

Hot Pumpkin

You stuff a plastic pumpkin or other Halloween container full of treats. Have the kids sit in a circle. Play fun music, and have the kids pass the container around. When the music stops, the child who's holding it, opens it up, takes out a treat, and gets out of the circle. Play continues until one child ends up with the container. He gets the treats that are leftover, plus the container itself. They love it!

Or

There are no losers in this game if you make sure you have enough mini pumpkins for everyone! As each player gets 'out', give them a small pumpkin and let them go to a designated area and decorate it using markers or paint.

This game is played the same way as 'Hot Potato'. Everyone who is playing sits or stands in a circle. Start the music and start passing a small pumpkin around the circle. If you have quite a few people, you can pass 2 or more pumpkins at a time.

The pumpkin travels around the circle of people until the music suddenly stops. The person who is holding the pumpkin when the music stops is 'out' and leaves the circle.

Start the music and pumpkin passing again and continue until there's only one person left.

Pin the Stem on the Pumpkin

Using a cut out poster board pumpkin and green construction paper.

Ring the Pumpkin

Line up three large pumpkins with stems, to form a ring toss.

Use embroidery hoops or make hoops with rope and duct tape.

Mark a throwing line on the floor and take turns trying to ring a pumpkin stem. It doesn't matter if they get it or not, you can reward them with small prizes or stickers. Smaller children can attempt to ring an entire large pumpkin with a hula hoop.

Halloween Treasure Hunt

Hide a plastic pumpkin filled with goodies and prizes. Use hidden mini pumpkins with clues pinned to them. Each clue will lead to the larger prize!

Catch the Doughnut

Hang mini-doughnuts from the ceiling with string.

The object of the game is to be the first to eat the doughnut with out using your hands! Do not use powdered or cinnamon doughnuts. Plain is the safest!

Or

Instead of bobbing for apples in a bucket of water (which can really wreak havoc on costumes or face paint!), have kids try to "snap" a bite from an apple hanging on a string. You'll need apples with stems—tie the string to the stem, then loop it around a tree branch (outside) or a broomstick or suspension curtain rod (inside).

Pumpkin Penny Toss

Carve out a large pumpkin, making a wide opening at the top. Give each child a handful of pennies. Have them stand an appropriate distance from the pumpkin and try to toss the pennies in, one at a time. For each successful toss, give the child a small piece of Halloween candy.

Touchy Feely Box

YUCK!

Cut a hole in a box large enough to reach in with your hand.

The "Box Master" says that a "mad scientist left his experiment

behind----one at a time place bowls of cold noodles, olives, slime...etc. for the player to feel -No looking!

For the strong stomach ... you can elaborate as they play.

Make Slime Station

Eyeball Hunt Game

Fill a large pot with cooked spaghetti noodles, and then bury ping pong balls in the noodles. See who can find the most balls in a set amount of time. For an added twist you can color code the balls and have each color worth a different amount of points. After the set amount of times, count up the points earned by each player.

<u>Mummy Wrap Contest</u> – teams of 4 made up of "3 wrappers" and 1 "mummy" using a roll of toilet paper. First team to finish making a mummy wins.

Zombie Game

One person is 'IT', the others must sit or lay as motionless and expressionless zombies. The person who is 'IT' must do whatever they can to make the zombies smile, giggle, or wiggle in any way without touching them! When 'IT' gets a zombie to wiggle, giggle, or smile, that zombie then joins 'IT' in trying to get others to smile, giggle, or wiggle. The last zombie wins!

Relay Races

Get creative with this one—there are lots of silly ways for kids to get from the starting line to the finish! Try having them stagger like zombies, fly on broomsticks like witches, or hop like toads. They can also carry a Halloween-themed snack. Or stage a costume relay for guaranteed silly results.

Spider Relay Race

Scurry across the floor using "spider legs" in this takeoff on crab races.

What You Need

- Old pairs of tights
- Stuffing (old clothes, rags)
- String
- Buckle

Instructions

- 1. Make a set of four spider legs for each team. For one set, stuff two old pairs of tights and tie them together with the string. Attach them to a belt with string or Velcro.
- 2. Use a big open rec room or the yard. Outside, you can set up safe (soft) obstacles with hay or straw bales, then spread out a pile of leaves for a finish line.
- 3. Divide your partiers into two teams and mark a finish line about 20 yards off for big kids, closer for those under age seven. The first player on each team straps a set of legs around her waist so that two legs will dangle on each side of her when she's in the classic crab position. On "Go!" the first players scurry on all fours (well, eights), with their bellies to the sky, to the finish line and back. Each team then helps its player take off the spider legs before strapping them onto the next player, who "runs" the race and returns. This continues until the final player from each team comes across the finish line.

Tips:

As a prize, give out rubber flies for each victorious arachnid. Long-haired girls: Beware of stomping on your own hair! The kids can scoot beneath a low-slung, human-made

spider's web as they turn at the finish line. The tantalizing flies hang suspended there as well from fishing line.

<u>Killer</u>

The children should be old enough to be able to wink in order to play this game. Have the children sit in a circle. Make them close their eyes and you will tap "it" on the shoulder. When the children open their eyes, "it" will need to wink at different kids in the circle without anyone but the selected child seeing the wink. When a child has been winked at, he or she can make a big effect of dying. The object of the game is for the other children to guess who the "killer" is. Whoever guesses, or is the last person not dead becomes the next "killer".

Wiggle Worm Race

Divide the group into teams with the same amount of people in each team. Everyone in each team lines up and forms a 'worm' by putting their left hand between their legs and the person behind them grabs that hand with their right hand. Then they run at a given signal to the other end of the playing area and back. The first team to return 'intact' wins!

Candy Corn Races -

Designate a starting line and a finish line. Set out a bowl full of candy corn for each player at the starting line and an empty bowl at the finish line. The players must use a large spoon to scoop candy corn out of the full bowl and then carry it to the empty bowl and fill it. They cannot spill any candy corn or use their hands! If any candy corn falls off the spoon, they must immediately pick it up and bring it back to the starting line bowl and start over with that scoopful.

 $\underline{\textbf{Candy Corn Catch}}$ – teams of 2 – one tosses candy corn into a jack-o-lantern trick or treat bucket that the other holds. Team who gets the most wins.

Pumpkin Steal

Materials Needed

- 15 small pumpkins
- Large play area
- 8-15 children

Instructions

- 1. First, set all pumpkins in middle of play area
- 2. Next, split kids into 4 even teams
- 3. Then, put each team in a corner of the playing area
- 4. Next, start the 10 minute timer and have 1 kid from every team run to the middle and grab a pumpkin. When that kid gets back then another one will go to the middle and grab one and so on
- 5. After the pumpkins in the middle have run out, one at time 1 person from each team goes and grabs another pumpkin from another team
- 6. Finally, when the timer goes off the team with the most pumpkins wins!

Tips and Tricks

- Speed helps with this game.
- If you want you want you can color the pumpkins so they are easier to see.

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt

Try this Halloween pumpkin hunt game. This is a fun and easy party or class game! This is a fun game for Halloween parties.

Divide the party goers into two teams. Try to make sure the teams are equal.

Draw little pumpkins on orange construction paper. Draw on faces with markers. Cut the pumpkins out. Make about 21 or so. Make sure that it is an odd number.

Hide the pumpkins around the house. Have the two teams look around the house to try and find the pumpkins. After about fifteen minutes (or any set amount of time), call the teams in. Whichever team has the most pumpkins, wins!

Witches Stew

Pucker up....this game requires skill, speed and raw straw-sucking power.

What You Need

- Straws
- Construction paper
- Bowl

Instructions

- 1. Before the party, ask your kids to help you cut ten Halloween shapes, such as ghosts, bats and pumpkins from construction paper. Each shape should be about the size of a silver dollar. Place the shapes in a pile beside a small bowl.
- 2. Using the straw as a vacuum, each contestant tries to pick up a shape and place it in the bowl to create the Witch's Stew. Time the players to see who can get all ten in the bowl the fastest.

Tips:

Cut out several sets of shapes and let the players race head to head.

How many Words -

Write words on a board i.e. Scarecrow, Jack-O-Lantern, etc. see how many words you can make out of them.

Freeze Dance