Application for Best Festival or Event Under \$75,000 in Budget

**City of Winder Spooktacular** 

Judges' score - 8.2

Detailed description of the event:

The annual Spooktacular Festival is hosted in the City of Winder on the last Friday of October. This event is multifaceted with the initial trick or treating portion of the event called Streets of Treats from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. local businesses and organizations are able to register for a booth during the Streets of Treats to engage with local residents and hand out candy to children. At this year's event, 54 local businesses/organizations set up trick-or-treat booths with an estimated 300,000 pieces of candy distributed to children and their families. This tradition was important because parents know this is a safe place for their children to get candy. The second phase of the Spooktacular Festival featured carnival rides and food trucks set up along city streets. All of the carnival attractions were FREE to include: 20 foot swing, rock climbing wall, obstacle course and three additional inflatable bouncy houses located across from the City's outdoor amphitheater. The last phase of this event was a rock concert hosted at Jug Tavern Park with local band Take 3. This event saw over 12,000 in attendance and was considered a success by the members of Winder's elected body. As the City of Winder was in the midst of restructuring the organization, there was currently no Special Events Director serving on staff. As the importance of this annual festival meant the 2022 Spooktacular would be planned and programmed by the City's Communications and Marketing Manager who had only been on staff for six weeks. The Special Events Director was hired and started just two weeks before the event and jumped in to finish the planning an execute. With only a total of 4 weeks of planning and promoting, the community and city staff deemed this event very successful. Through dedication and collaboration with the City's department leaders and support from local business sponsors, this event was the largest it has ever been. It was also important for this event to take place as it would be the inaugural event after the COVID-19 Pandemic, finally inviting citizens and residents to the back to the city for fun and fellowship and most of all CANDY.

Estimated number of attendees?

12,000

Environmental or pet-friendly?

Explain howAs all of over events, this event was pet-friendly. We encouraged families to bring every family member including fido! We also have dog-waste canisters stationed around downtown so owners can pick up after their pets. Many vendors

"Spooktacular" October 28, 2022 5pm-9pm

Live Video: <u>https://fb.watch/ipcycDHqhQ/</u> Live Video: https://fb.watch/ipcDCLJSof/ Promotion Video: <u>https://fb.watch/ipcz-CcCYq/</u> After Event Survey: https://fb.watch/ipcGOjQvG2/















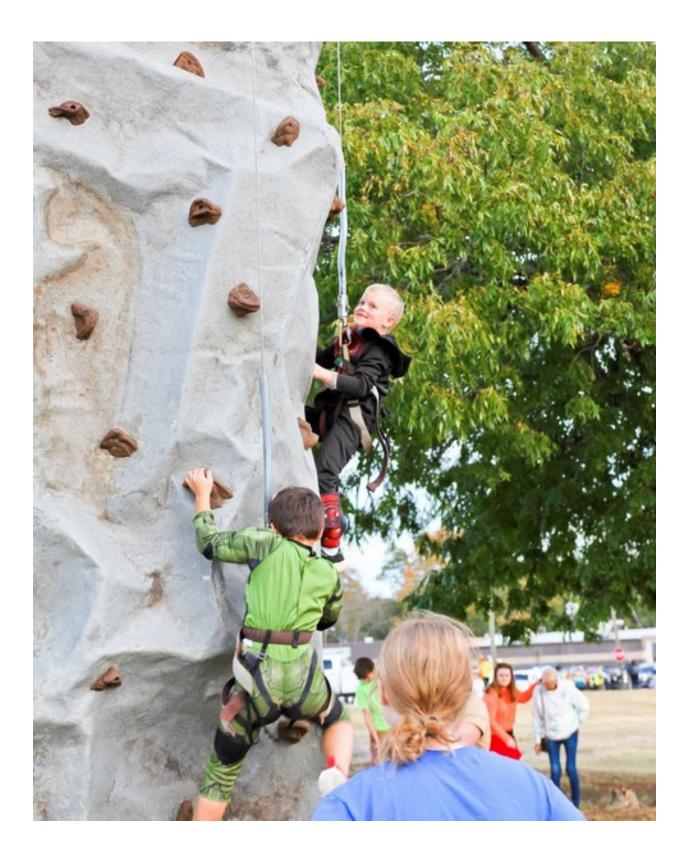


















































## Spooktacular Budget

Expenses		
Item	Cost	
Candy (15,000 pieces)	\$	(6,000.00)
Take 3 Band & Sound	\$	(2,000.00)
Photographer	\$	(600.00)
Carnival	\$	(5,000.00)
Sponsor Banner		(\$200)
Mayor & City Council Banner		(\$200)
Promotion (social ads, magazine ad)		(\$700)
Restrooms	\$	(2,000.00)
Contract labor (graphic designer)		(\$1,300)
Bags	\$	(300.00)
Postcards for Festival	\$	(66.00)
		-18366.00 EXPENSE TOTAL
Revenue		
Sponsors	\$	5,650.00
Vendor Fees (food trucks, retail)	\$	2,000.00
	\$	7,650.00 <b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>
	\$	(10,716.00) <b>TOTAL</b>
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make a profit on these events. Our hotel/motel tax helps fund these events and are required to be used for city festivals. We only charge vendor fees and sponsorship fees to help offset some costs.