Fall Festival

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This is a fun family event that is great in the fall. This event works best outdoors at the park, but could be moved indoors if needed. Each of these events can be used to accumulate points (tokens, tickets, beans, corn, etc.) to use for the final awards. Give a token to each participant in each event for participation if they didn't earn any tokens in the event.

Event Ideas:

Turkey shoot - use giant slings to shoot and knock over various sizes of turkeys (cutouts) to earn different numbers of points (beans, corn, tokens, tickets, etc.).

Pumpkin carving contest - Parent-Son, provide pumpkins and knives, set a time limit (5 or 10 min.), get judges to pick 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and give tokens as 6, 5, 4, and then 1 token to each that participated.

Corn shelling contest - provide corn, boys shells his corn from the cob (1st place gets 5 beans, 2nd gets 4 beans, etc.)

Darts - Balloons (tokens/beans for points based on color of balloon)

Corn-cob throwing contest (1st place gets 5 beans, 2nd gets 4 beans, etc.)

Hog Calling (for fathers and/or boys) (this is just for fun!)

Three legged sack race (father - son or boy-boy) (give tokens/beans as in Corn-cob throwing)

Greased pig chase (turn a greased pig loose in an arena and let the boys try to catch it). This is just for fun!

Eating contest (pies, ice cream, pretzels, hot dogs, spinach, or ?) Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Apple Bobbing (apples, tub of water) a traditional favorite in the fall. Use a stopwatch to time boys and give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Washer toss - put various sizes bowls on the floor (or ground) and toss washers into bowls to score points. To make it more difficult, use plates! Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Two on Two - Tug of War. Have a tournament. Father/son vs. father/son, winner advances. Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Bug Collecting Contest (get most bugs in 15 min., build bug houses (see **Bug House**, Vol. I) at the club meeting the previous week). Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (or pumpkin or sunflower seeds). Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Frog Jumping (if you can get bullfrogs) Give tokens/beans as in Corncob throwing.

Forked Stick Throwing Contest (play like horseshoes, throw Y shaped stick). Throw 3 sticks (or more), score: fork on peg = 5 tokens; fork leaning onto peg = 3 tokens; one token/bean per participant who does not score.

Awards - At the end of the competition, call all the boys together. Have several really nice prizes (pocket knives, flashlights, compasses, etc. and a bunch of hard candy). Let the boy with the most tokens/beans (in any club - division) have his first choice of the awards, then the boy with the 2nd most tokens/beans gets to choose an award, etc. If you have a small number of boys, all could get prizes. For large groups, it may be best to let only the top three boys in each

club choose awards, and the hard candy or jawbreakers can be used for 4th - last places and still be economical.

Give each boy a 'Turkey Shoot' or 'Father & Son' patch and year arc (from the Patch Place, see Where To Get It section).