

# **Candlelight HALLOWEEN Outreach at Silver Lake Mall**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
5:00 - 8:00 pm**



# **VOLUNTEER MANUAL**

# **HALLOWEEN OUTREACH**

**Purpose:** To share Christ's love with our community and to provide an alternative for families to trick or treating.

**Target Age:** 12 and under/ Families

The Halloween Outreach is an event that Candlelight has been spearheading at the Silver Lake Mall in Coeur d'Alene, ID. We contact the mall each year to ask if we may come back and put the event on. We currently have an excellent relationship with the mall management, security, and stores.

Our volunteers set up "booths" in the main corridors of the mall. All games are free of charge and open to all who want to participate.

One of our ministry opportunities is the pumpkin search. 12 pumpkins are hidden throughout the mall. Each person who enters is to receive a "search" card. On one side of the card is a message with the Gospel, the other side is numbered 1-12 for participants to write the locations of the 12 hidden pumpkins. Our goal is for each person to keep this card, take it home, and learn about the salvation Jesus has to offer them.

When handing out the cards - give one to EACH PERSON - not just one per family or group. Remind them that each completed card gives them a raffle ticket - making their "odds" of winning better.

Rules of raffle: drawing will take place @ 7:45 pm - winner does NOT need to be present. First 300 turned in get free Skate Plaza admission ticket.

Each table/game will have a listing of where the pumpkins are hidden. You are allowed to give them hints - but not the entire list! Final hint: the 12<sup>th</sup> pumpkin is always on the registration/information table where they turn the cards in for their raffle ticket.

We ask all volunteers to dress in a Candlelight t-shirt, no costumes. This causes us to stand out, to hopefully get the opportunity to answer the question, "Why are you all here, not dressed up, providing fun for my family?" Our answer is Jesus. We are not here to condemn those who participate but to condemn the one who is glorified by darkness and evil and to bring glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

# SAMPLE: "PUMPKIN SEARCH CARD"



## Light a Candle!

Jesus came into this world to provide a way out of the darkness and show God's love to each of us!

God loves us so much that He offers every man and woman the opportunity to be forgiven of sin and be made holy before Him. (Eph 1 & John 3)

Jesus, God's only begotten son, gave His life that we might have redemption from sin and death. His life, in exchange for ours. Jesus took the penalty we deserved upon Himself and died in our place. His blood is the only acceptable payment for sin. In and by Jesus' sacrifice, God washes away the sin of those who put their faith in Him. God has truly blessed us with the good news of Jesus.

All who place their faith in Jesus obtain eternal life.

Have you made Jesus Lord of your life? The Bible teaches that those who call upon Him will never be disappointed. Talk to Him today and ask Jesus to be your Savior and Lord and make you a light to your world.

**"It is Better to Light a Candle than to Curse the Darkness"**



## Candlelight Christian Fellowship

Happy Halloween  
Find the Pumpkins Game!

*Find the Pumpkins and name their location. Bring your form back to the Information Table in the center of the Mall for entry into a drawing for the Grand Prize!*

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____                    |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____                    |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____                    |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____                   |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____                   |
| 6. _____ | 12. @ the Information Table |

Candlelight Christian Fellowship - at the NW corner of Hwy 95 & Dalton  
(208) 772-7755 • [www.candlelight.org](http://www.candlelight.org)

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## Thank you for volunteering to help with this year's Halloween Outreach!

- ★ Outreach is at the Silver Lake Mall- 200 W. Hanley Ave, Coeur d'Alene
- ★ Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ★ Meet in our Staging Room at the Mall (we'll let you know when it is assigned to us) at 4:15 for prayer and last minute instructions.
- ★ NO COSTUMES! Please wear the Candlelight shirt provided to you. This causes you to stand out from the crowd. It makes people ask "Why are you doing this," it also allows for other volunteers to know that you are from the church (if they need help or have someone with a question). This night is not about you, it is designed to reach OUT to the community. Please keep your T-shirt - for next year!
- ★ Be friendly. Go out of your way to greet people. Have fun helping people play games and win prizes. SMILE!
- ★ **Hand out 2 pieces of candy at a time.** (Not just one, not a handfull!) If you don't, we may run out of candy again!
- ★ PUMPKIN SEARCH: This is how we get the gospel into everyone's hands. A copy of both sides of the pumpkin search card is on the previous page. (We also have a Spanish version available.) Greeters give one "pumpkin card" to **EACH PERSON** (not 1 per family) and explain that for **each card** completed and turned in, they will receive a raffle ticket for the prizes. In addition, for the first 300 turned in, they will receive a free admission pass to Skate Plaza. (We'll let greeters know when those supplies are exhausted.) We "hide" 12 pumpkins in the mall's main corridors. Participants find these pumpkins, write down

their location on one side of the card and bring it to the Information Table in the middle of the mall. Tell them to look for the Info table banner or balloons! They then get entered to win a prize: 1st place- Silverwood Pass, and a Skate Plaza admission ticket if one of the first 300. Each booth will have a list of the all the prizes.

- ★ Do not leave your booth without talking to someone first. Even if it is slow, do not walk away. If you need a break for any reason, someone will take your place. Call Robyn Aker (208) 659-5041 or Megan Aker Griffin (208) 660-3842 or find someone in a Candlelight shirt.
- ★ 7:45 We start cleaning up, no matter what! Mall security and maintenance are waiting for us to leave so they can do their jobs.
- ★ Leave the mall cleaner than you found it. We have a good reputation with the mall, please help us keep that by cleaning up all the trash and misc. pieces you can find.
- ★ Do not fill your purses, backpacks, etc. with candy or take boxes or bags of candy home with you. You may eat candy throughout the night, however left over candy needs to be counted so we know how much we went through. All left over candy is donated back to the church for the many events and ministries that take place there.

## **SECURITY:**

- ✓ The Information Desk area will have a First Aid station and be the “hub” for emergencies, lost and found and information. It will be located in the middle of the Mall and identified by a banner and balloons. So if you find a child or item that may be lost, call for a “runner” to come take him/her/it there.

- ✓ **Please keep your cell phone ON** during the event and try to keep an ear open for it (hard with the noise!) If there is an emergency, we will try to contact everyone by text.
- ✓ Keep these #s on your phone in case of an emergency:  
Robyn Aker (208) 659-5041 - Megan Aker Griffin (208) 660-3842.

**SET-UP:** Please arrive at the mall at 3:30 pm to set up games and booths.

**GREETERS:** You will be stationed at one of the 4 main entrances to the mall. Make sure everyone gets a very warm welcome, a pumpkin search card (**remember: 1 per PERSON!**), and a pencil when they come in the door. Let families know that everything is free and that we are there to serve them. You will most likely be the first impression people get for the night, remember that when you get tired.

Yes, we will give you candy to hand out - 2 pieces per person.

**GAMES:** Games begin at 5:00. 3 days before the event, you will receive an email notifying you of your game for the evening and confirming your ability to be involved. If you don't have email or don't respond to your email, I will call you the night before. **That email will give you the location of your game (in case you arrive late) and any other specific instructions.**

All supplies, candy, etc. for the game are provided and will be at our Staging Room in the mall and ready for you when you arrive.

\*\*\*If you feel like a "third wheel" at your game, please don't leave, get creative; talk to the parents and children waiting in line, encourage the child playing the game, step out and invite people to play, ask if they have found all the pumpkins. If it just isn't working, don't leave without letting the other volunteers know.

**FACE PAINTING:** All face painting supplies will be provided; however, if you have “special” brushes or paint, you can bring them along. We will have examples to give children ideas of what they may want painted. We steer away from painting “ugly” pictures and bloody faces. If you are asked to paint something like that, just suggest something else, we haven’t had an issue yet. You will have others painting with you, as this is a popular booth. Try to keep designs simple for time’s sake!

**BALLOON SHAPING:** We will have balloons and pumps for you to use. Simple shaping is all we are asking for: dogs, hearts, swords, etc.

**INFORMATION TABLE:** You get the opportunity to meet everyone who finishes their pumpkin search cards, get their contact information and give them a ticket. Be sure to return the Pumpkin card to them - it has the Gospel on it! You will let them know about the prizes and that we will call them after the drawing at 7:45 pm. You will be placed in the middle of the mall. We will send people your way if they have questions about the pumpkins or other games and you can steer the ones with questions about Candlelight to the Pastors. You will also be the main contact on the floor for emergencies, lost and found, as well as questions.

**CLEAN UP:** We will walk the mall after the event to make sure everything is cleaned up. All supplies will be placed in the community room to be briefly sorted and loaded into the van or trucks and taken back to the church. All trash will be taken to the dumpsters, tables wiped off and stacked, chairs placed back on chair stackers, mall table cloths folded, and community room left better than we found it. This usually takes about 45 minutes total.

**IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS** If an idea/suggestion comes to mind - jot it down when you get home and send it to Robyn for next year!

## **QUESTIONS**

Robyn Aker (208) 659-5041 [robynaker@gmail.com](mailto:robynaker@gmail.com)

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