UTAH GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS

The Pumpkin Vine

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NEWS ON THE WEIGH OFF FRONT

The season is winding down. Weigh off time is just around the corner. We hope that you all have a monster growing in your patch. But if you don't, that's OK, be sure to bring what you do have and join us for the weigh off fun. Don't think that yours is too small to bring. It's NOT! If it's over 100 lb., please bring it. We want it there.

We are happy to announce that there will be two weigh offs this year. Our main weigh off will be Saturday October 8th at Gardner Village in West Jordan. Registration goes from 9 to 10 am. Weighing will start at 11 am. The weigh off will be officially over at 2 pm. For this weigh off all specimens are welcome, but only one per grower will be eligible for prizes. If your family members helped then enter as a family. If there are two or more legitimate growers in one household then we will accept them individually. Please be honest. This way more households will share in the prizes. And more people will stay interested in growing. If you bring more than one specimen, your heaviest one will be your "official" entry for the weigh off. The final number hasn't come in yet but so far we have over \$2,000 in cash and prizes. And the pay out scale will be very flat.

The second weigh off that we have been graciously invited to attend will be at J&L Garden Center in Bountiful. Drop your pumpkin(s) off on Wednesday, Oct 25th and pick them up on Saturday the 29th. You'll find more details; maps and directions about each weigh off enclosed.

Even if you don't have a pumpkin or squash to bring, we still want you and your family to come and support the weigh offs. You'll get to meet & learn from fellow UGPG members and we know that you will have a great time. Don't be shy. Introduce yourself to others.

If you can, please pass out the enclosed flyers to you family, friends and neighbors. It will help us out in the future if there are lots of people at this weigh off.

A limited number of UGPG T-shirts and Hats will be for sale at the Gardner Village weigh off. If you'd like to buy some before the weigh off, or after, contact Ray or Gordon.

OTHER NEWS

We are still working on our web site. It should be up at the end of Sept. or beginning of Oct. Utahpumpkingrowers.com is the address. If you have any digital pictures, pumpkin related that can be used on the web site email them with a short explanation to Gordon.

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