CEI SCIENCE CLUB HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL PUNKIN CHUCKIN CONTEST

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — The College of Eastern Idaho’s (CEI) Science Club is thrilled to announce the upcoming 3rd Annual Punkin Chuckin contest, a riveting event set to captivate both participants and spectators alike. Scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 19, at 3:30pm, this exciting contest will unfold on the vacant lot on the northern portion of campus. The public is invited to attend and cheer on their favorite team.

Punkin Chuckin is a thrilling sport that involves utilizing mechanical devices to launch or "chuck" a pumpkin, showcasing the principles of project-based learning to foster STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) knowledge and expertise. Middle schools, high schools and college clubs from the local area, and even as far as Driggs, have been invited to compete in this exciting event.

The contest aims to advance skills in physics, engineering, math, and mechanics, challenging students to move beyond theoretical understanding and think critically to bring their innovative plans to fruition. This beloved fusion of science education and entertainment draws immense popularity, attracting regional and world championship events that bring together over 20,000 enthusiasts and raise nearly $1 million for charitable causes.

Participants in the CEI contest are required to devise, test, and construct devices capable of propelling a pumpkin within a designated weight range over a specified distance, without the use of explosives. Catapults, trebuchets, and ballistas are among the diverse array of devices permitted in the competition.

High school and college teams have embarked on a creative journey to design and build devices capable of launching pumpkins weighing between 4-8lb in the large class and under 1lb in the mini class. Each team has three attempts, and the longest distance achieved will determine the victors. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams, featuring First, Second, and Third distance accolades in the 4-8lb class, and a distinguished first prize in the under 1lb class. Additionally, a prize will be bestowed upon the team with the most theatrical/best costume presentation.
For comprehensive rules and additional information about the Punkin Chunkin contest, please reach out to CEI Science Club at CEI.scienceclub@cei.edu or contact Pamela O'Hearn at pamela.ohearn@cei.edu.

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