

Valle Verde Elementary Schools' Fall Carnival

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While the days may be warm, the nights and the mornings that follow them are a chilly reminder that fall has arrived. With the new California mandate that pumpkin be injected into every food sold in the state, we are approaching our rendezvous with our own local autumnal highlight – the Valle Verde Elementary Fall Carnival and Fifth Grade Haunted House. For those who have never had the pleasure of an afternoon exploring the event's delights, please allow me to give you a bit of a tour of this fantastic fundraiser.

While the haunted house feature fifth graders acting out a scream inducing tour through a darkened pod at the campus, the carnival features a number of fun activities for ages 2-99, excluding anyone who is 15-22, as they are typically far too cool to be seen in the company of family or even siblings. For the uninitiated, the carnival website at <https://vvpta.com/carnival> has some good info. The carnival itself includes games like tossing a football through a ring, or at least attempting to do so, putting a golf ball up a ramp, and going fishing for prizes. There is also the chance to participate in a silent auction and buy spots in the big event, the spider egg drop.

If all that sugar and game playing gets your kids too wound up, they can head to the inflatable bounce house or obstacle course, perennial favorites that allow them to blow off some steam. Rumor has it there may even be a dunk tank – you never know who will be taking the plunge – encourage your friends and neighbors to take a seat on the dunk stand. So what would be a good reason to miss this year's carnival? Well, now that the question has been asked, it is clear that the answer is that there isn't one. Hope to see you there.