

6TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FLING PUMPKIN CATAPULT CONTEST

OCTOBER 25, 2008

SUFFOLK COUNTY FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION-SUFFOLK COUNTY

ENTRY FORM

Name of Team: _____

Name of Sponsoring Adult: _____

Ages of team members (if under 18) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Check One, our team is:

- 12 and under--actual release of catapult must be completed by an individual over 18. Minimum age to participate is 8. All members of team under 18 must be at least 10 feet behind the catapult when fired, entry fee \$25
- 13-18--actual release of catapult must be completed by an individual over 18. All members of team under 18 must be at least 10 feet behind the catapult when fired, entry fee \$25
- 19 and older, entry fee \$50

The Farm is located off the Long Island Expressway exit 67. We are less than a mile south of the expressway. Enter at the Cornell Cooperative Extension/Suffolk County Farm sign and park in the visitor parking lot. Check in and we will direct you to the pre-launch site—you may drive vehicles to launch site, unload and then return your vehicle to the designated area. Please arrive by 10am.

Please return entry forms, fee and acknowledgement of risk forms, by OCTOBER 17th to: Cornell Cooperative Extension-Suffolk County Farm and Education Center, 350 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980 attn: Vicki Fleming.

Trophies will be awarded for greatest distance, closeness to a target and on most theatrical and/or most creative (by audience vote). So think unique!

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Design of Catapult/Trebuchet:

The catapult/trebuchet can be of any design as long as it is constructed of common materials, which allow it to operate in a safe manner. It must be capable of launching a pumpkin weighing 3-5 pounds. The machines will be inspected prior to the competition

Judges who will determine compliance with the guidelines. No motors, engines, pneumatic assist, compressed air, steam or any other compressed gasses, hydraulics or ignitable substances may be used or attached in any way.

The mechanics of the launch mechanism must be constructed in such a way as to allow for a safe release of the throw arm, and shall not in any way endanger the well-being of either the contestants or audience. The trip mechanism must be operated by a rope on the side of the machine at a minimum distance of 10 feet.

Actual operation of the catapult must be undertaken by participants over the age of 18. Construction of catapults can be done by participants of any age group. Hard hats and safety goggles provided by participants must be worn at all times. All participants under the age of 18 shall be out of the pit area during launches.

2. Size and complexity:

Vehicles will be allowed in the pit area to drop off the catapult/trebuchet but must be removed to the parking lot prior to the competition. Devices should be easily assembled within 15 minutes of unloading.

3. Safety:

Safety must be observed at all times. If the judges determine that entrants are not competing and launching in the required manner, they shall be eliminated from competition. Entrants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the County of Suffolk, its employees and elected representatives, from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action or liability resulting from injuries to any person or persons, including death, or damage to any property arising out of a negligent act or omission by the entrants with the activities described herein.

Audience members will be contained at a distance of 100 feet from the launch site. All members of the catapult teams will sign waivers and/or release forms. Team members under age 19 must have form signed by parent or guardian.

Other information:

- The Farm does not allow pets of any kind.
- Plans, simulators and other helpful information for catapults and trebuchets may be found on the internet at the following sites:
<http://www.trebuchet.com>
www.catapultkits.com
www.ripcord.ws
members.iinet.net.au/~rmine/gctrebs.html
- Check out last year's event:
http://www.cce.cornell.edu/suffolk/SCFprograms/pumpkin_fling/PumpkinFling.htm