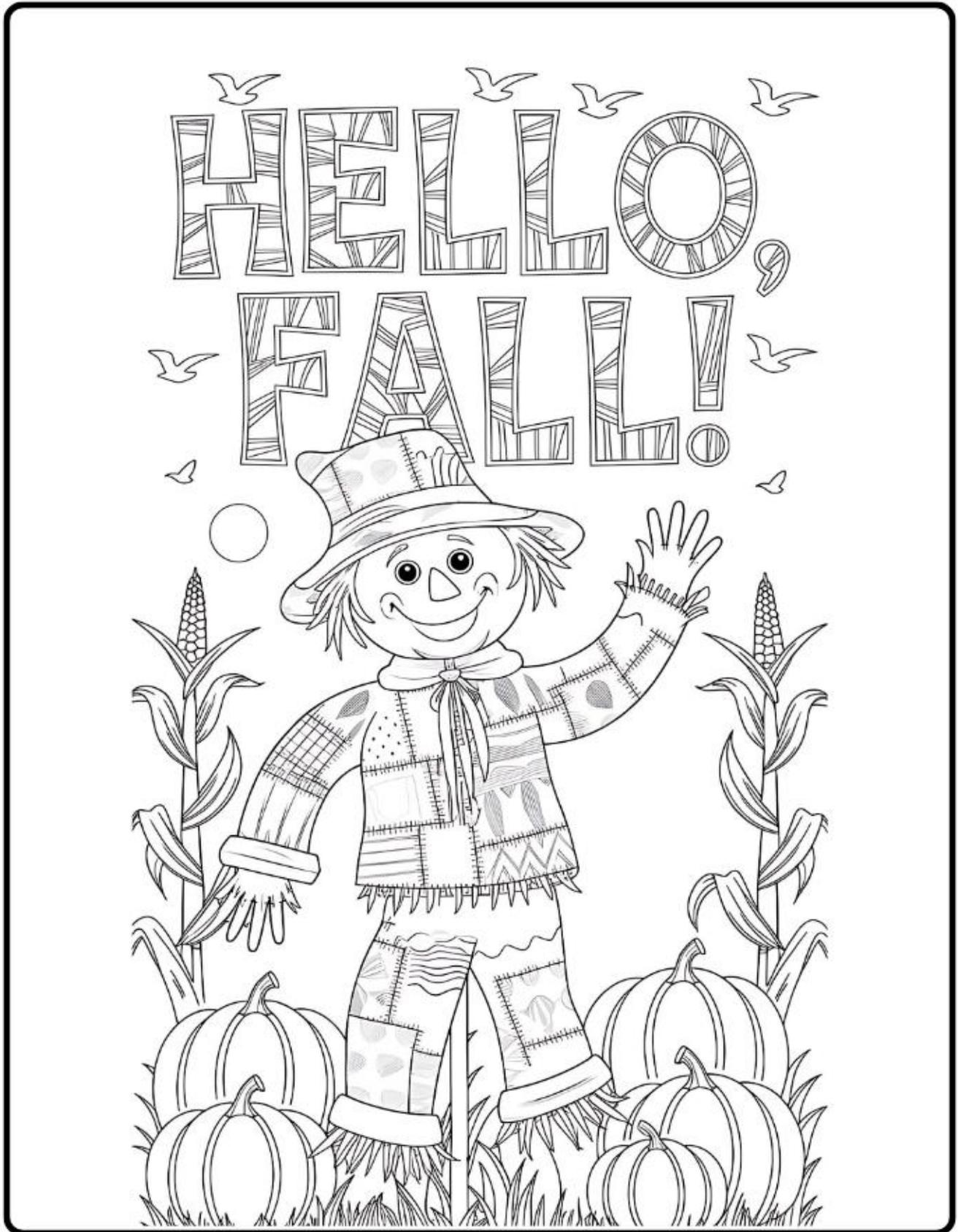


BLUFFTON PARKS DEPARTMENT FALL COLORING CONTEST



Color and return to the Bluffton Parks Department (128 E. Market) by October 15th to be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____ Gender _____



Bluffton Parks Department 2025 Fall Events

824-6069 or email events@blufftonindiana.gov

Hue Can Paint: The Bluffton Parks Department will host a canvas painting class for youth ages 7 & up on Monday, September 29th. Lessons will be held at the Washington Park Indoor Pavilion (710 S. Mulberry St.) from 6-7:45pm. Your kids will enjoy the step-by-step instructions from a local artist to paint a one-of-a-kind creation to take home. Not only will they leave with beautiful artwork, but they will also have a feeling of accomplishment as they master the painting techniques. The cost is only \$15 per person and includes all supplies and instructions. To register call 824-6069 or e-mail events@blufftonindiana.gov, Space is limited to the first 12 pre-registered participants! September's painting will be a "Ghost in the Woods".

Toddler Time: Free Toddler Time starts October 2nd.

The Bluffton City Gym will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-noon for you to bring your tots and burn off some energy. (October – March) This is a free drop-in program that will give young children a chance to play with others their age in a large open space. Balls will be made available in the storage closet at the East end of the gym when we hear the children arrive. Please note that this is not a staff-facilitated event and parents are responsible for their children. The first Thursday of each month except for December and January (Special event will fall on Dec. 11th, and Jan. 8th), we will offer a special tour or activity. Please sign in on the wooden door each visit and turn off the gym lights if you are the last to leave. If you have any questions, call the park office at 824-6069.

October 2nd will be our Police Station visit!

November 6th will be our Fire Station visit!

December 11th will be Story Time with Mrs. Claus!

January 8th will be Play Day in the City Gym!

Farm Wagon: The Community Harvest Farm Wagon visits Bluffton every Tuesday at 9am to give FREE fresh food to families in need at Life Community Church South parking lot (428 S Oak St Bluffton, Indiana). Enter the parking lot at the south entrance off Oak Street and park facing North.

Free Boo in Bluffton: Oct. 31st, Downtown sidewalks come to life with thousands of costumed children and parents visiting local businesses. Boo in Bluffton will take place inside participating businesses and in the City Gym! Dress in your favorite costume and join us for Boo in Bluffton. From 5-6 pm, visit Downtown participating businesses as well as walk through the spooky decorations and collect yummy treats in the City Gym(128 E. Market St.!) Participating businesses on the outskirts of town will hand out treats from 6-7 pm. If you are a local business and would like to participate at your facility for Boo in Bluffton, you can sign-up at brenda.jackson@blufftonindiana.gov or call 824-1520. To reserve table space to hand out candy in the City Gym, contact the Bluffton Parks Department at events@blufftonindiana.gov or call 824-6069 (the gym can only hold 15 businesses, so sign-up early if you would like to be inside). This event is Free to the public. RAIN OR SHINE, WE'LL SEE YOU THERE. Door-to-door trick or treat for the City of Bluffton will be from 5-7:30 pm.

Virtual Costume Contest: Send a current photo of your child in this year's Halloween costume to events@blufftonindiana.gov along with your name, your child's name, and phone number between Oct 20th - Oct 31st. We will post photos of your child in their costume on Facebook and whichever picture has the most votes (likes) will receive a prize. Voting will take place November 3rd - November 7th. This contest is open to any Wells County Resident, and you must be willing to pick up your prize at City Hall. Questions call 824-6069.

Free Open Gym: Supervised activities will be held all winter long starting November 1st until March 12th, in the Bluffton City Gym for school aged kids K-12th grade. All participants MUST fill out a parental permission slip (either the first day they attend or print one off and send it in with them from the city's website at <https://in-bluffton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/147/Open-Gym-Registration-Waiver-Form-PDF> .

Days and hours can vary, but are currently scheduled for Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 3:30pm-6pm.

October Fest 1 Mile Pretzel Dash Oct. 4th 3:00PM Pickett's Run Park.

Online Registration: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/106197/oktoberfest-5k>

Wobble Before You Gobble: Free 5K Fun Run Thanksgiving Morning, November 27th at 9:00am. Meet at the Bluffton City Gym. Join us for a FREE fun run before that big Thanksgiving meal! No Timing, Just Fun. AND DONUTS! No registration required!