

# Trunk-Or-Treat



Saturday, October 25 • 2pm to 4pm • Main Street, Cortland (Rain Date: Sunday, October 26 2 - 4pm)

## What Is Trunk or Treat?

At trunk or treats, costumed children walk down Main Street, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks and receiving candy.

At many trunk or treat events, people who decorate their cars are asked to set up small, carnival-type games for kids to play, such as a ring toss, bowling, or shooting a foam basketball. The games should be short and easy enough for young children to play. You can add an educational element with estimation games—for example, guessing how many pieces of candy corn are in a jar or how much a pumpkin weighs. Children who win the game can be given small prizes or extra candy; however, all children should receive a treat at each station, regardless of how they did on the game.

## Contest

A trophy will be given to the top decorated trunk to display in your business until next years event. Each participant will be given the opportunity to vote. The trunk with the most votes will win the annual **Trunk or Treat Trophy**.

## Food Trucks Welcome!

Does your business also have a food truck? Bring it! Contact Battalion Deputy Reynolds for more information on how to sell during our event: 607-327-0172, [events@cortlandfire.org](mailto:events@cortlandfire.org)

## Trunk Or Treat Guidelines

1. Let us know you're coming! Registration is required, and limited to the first 40.
2. Don't make the decorations too scary, young kids can be afraid of loud noises or quick movements. You don't even have to have a halloween theme! Carnival, On a Farm, Under the Sea, or book themes are great too!
3. Set up will begin one hour before the event starts (1:00pm)
4. Provide enough candy, giveaways, and/or prizes for the whole event. Once you park, you're there until the end.
5. All candy must be prepackaged.
6. There is no access to electricity or water.
7. Registration is open to businesses and organizations in Cortland County. Limited to the first 40 registrations, so don't wait!

# Trunk-Or-Treat Registration

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Organization/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle Information

Description: Will you be bringing a van/SUV or piece of equipment from your business? Get creative! Fill a front loader full of etc.

Dimensions: What are the dimensions of the vehicle or how much space will you need? Will you be setting up a 10' x 10' pop tent?

Activity: Describe any special activity for children you would like to host at your site. (Character appearances, game, etc)

**Exhibitors agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cortland and its employees, officers and agents from and against any and all liability.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign and return this form to the Cortland Youth Bureau, 35 Port Watson Street, Cortland, New York 13045 before October 17, 2025 or email: [hjohnson@cortland.org](mailto:hjohnson@cortland.org) **and** [events@cortlandfire.org](mailto:events@cortlandfire.org)