

Costume Creativity

Whether you are looking for a costume or outfit for a holiday, themed birthday party, school spirit week, or you just enjoy dressing up for fun, you don't have to break your budget to look amazing! Instead of spending way too much on an expensive pre-packaged costume – explore cheaper options and let your creativity run wild! Below are a few tips to help get you started:

- **Tip #1 – Make a Plan!** Start with an idea of what you would like to be and think of what items you need to create your look. Make a list and see what items you already have at home – this will limit what you need to buy or find elsewhere.
- **Tip #2 – Think Thrifty!** Sometimes you can find great deals at thrift or consignment stores. Many of these shops may have low-cost bagged costumes available but they also provide you with the opportunity to really show off your creative side. Browse the racks and see what kind of costume ideas you can come up with.
- **Tip #3 – Rock Hand-me-downs!** Ask family and friends for old costumes or costume accessories. Work together to create new looks from what you gathered. Make it a challenge and see who can create the best costume.



Fun Fall Activities

Looking for something fun and inexpensive to do this fall? North Carolina has some unique festivals taking place all across the state. Below is just a small sampling:

North Carolina Festivals:

- Clayton Harvest Festival – October 30th - November 3rd
- Statesville Pumpkin Fest – November 2nd
- NC Whirligig Festival in Wilson – November 2nd - 3rd

More information available at www.ncfestivals.com/events.



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Abigail, age 11, Haw River

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Lilybeth, age 12, Clinton

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